



Ex-Pentagon chief Mattis says bitter politics threaten U.S.

By ROBERT BURNS

AP National Security Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) —

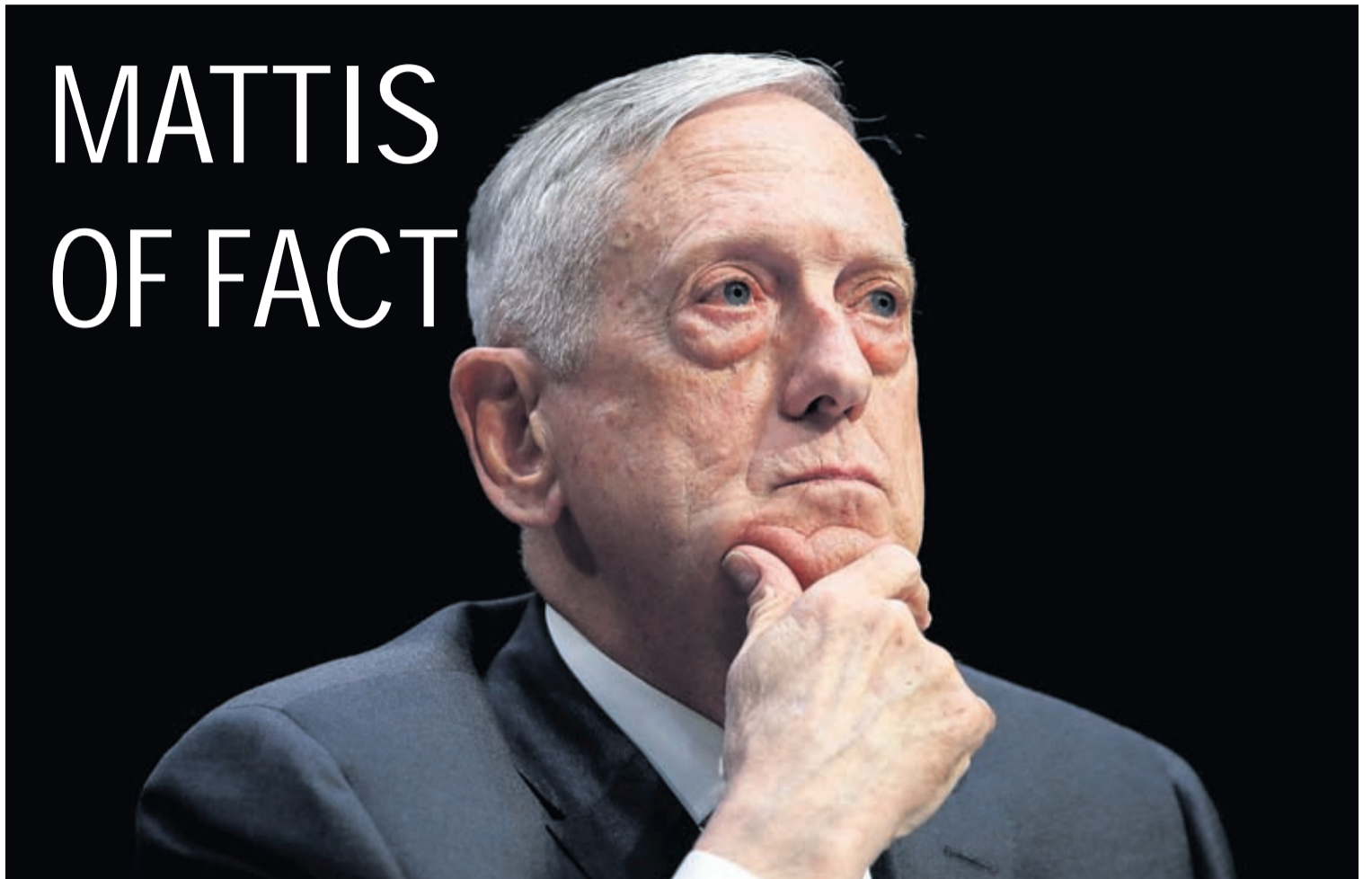
Former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is warning that bitter political divisions threaten American society, saying he views "tribalism" as a greater risk to the nation's future than foreign adversaries.

The retired Marine general, who resigned in December 2018 in a policy dispute with President Donald Trump, said he worries about the state of American politics and the administration's treatment of allies.

"We all know that we're better than our current politics," Mattis wrote in an essay adapted from his new book and published Wednesday by The Wall Street Journal. "Unlike in the past, where we were unified and drew in allies, currently our own commons seems to be breaking apart."

Continued on Page 4

MATTIS OF FACT



In this April 26, 2018, file photo, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis listens to a question during a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press



Bohemian
French & World Cuisine
In a Tropical Garden



Happy Hour & Early Birds Daily 5 to 7

Reservation at www.bohemianaruba.com

Tel +297 280 8448

JE IRAUSQUIN Blvd 83 FREE PARKING FOR OUR GUESTS AT BARCELO

Windows
on Aruba
RESTAURANT

TRY OUR DAILY 3-COURSE TASTING MENU!

ONLY

\$49

PER PERSON
EXCLUDES ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

RESERVATIONS: 297.523.5017 | WINDOWSARUBA.COM



FBI searches Detroit-area home of UAW president

By ED WHITE

DETROIT (AP) — Federal agents on Wednesday searched the suburban Detroit home of the president of the United Auto Workers, apparently another step in a corruption investigation that has netted labor leaders and auto industry officials, and damaged the union's reputation during contract talks with U.S. car companies.

The UAW criticized the remarkable search of Gary Jones' home in Canton Township, insisting it has fully cooperated with authorities.

"President Jones is determined to uncover and address any and all wrongdoing, wherever it might lead," the UAW said in a written statement. "There was absolutely no need for search warrants to be used by the government today. "The UAW has voluntarily responded to every request the government has made throughout the course of its investigation, produced literally hundreds of thousands of documents and other materials to the gov-



In this July 16, 2019, file photo, Gary Jones, United Auto Workers President, speaks during the opening of their contract talks with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Associated Press

ernment, and most importantly, when wrongdoing has been discovered, we have taken strong action to address it," the union said.

FBI spokeswoman Mara Schneider confirmed the search but declined further comment. TV stations aired video of agents carrying bags and boxes from Jones' home. Agents also searched the Corona,

California, home of former UAW President Dennis Williams and the union's northern Michigan retreat.

"Extraordinary is way over-used but this is extraordinary. ... There's a huge amount of information to speculate on. But a lot of it will not be informed until we see much more evidence as to why and what has taken place," said Harley Shaiken, a labor expert

at the University of California-Berkeley.

He said Jones, an accountant who has been president for 14 months, has been an effective leader who has repeatedly declared corruption won't be tolerated.

Since 2017, eight people have pleaded guilty in an investigation of union officials and Fiat Chrysler executives enriching themselves with money from a job training center in Detroit. The probe appeared to widen two weeks ago when a former UAW official was charged with accepting kickbacks from union vendors. Mike Grimes was associated with a UAW-General Motors training center. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday.

For two years, the union has dealt with unflattering stories about senior leaders turning the UAW-Fiat Chrysler center into a personal piggy bank. The government said General Holiefield, who was responsible for negotiating with Fiat Chrysler on behalf of the union, had a \$262,000

mortgage paid off in 2014. He died in 2015.

Norwood Jewell, who moved into Holiefield's job, was recently sentenced to 15 months in prison. His plea deal listed \$60,000 in meals and golf paid with training center credit cards. Credit cards also were used for more than \$40,000 in purchases for Jewell and others.

Al Iacobelli, Fiat Chrysler's chief negotiator against the UAW, also enjoyed the spoils and is serving a 5 ½-year sentence. He was ordered to repay \$835,000. Some blue-collar workers are skeptical about whether the union is representing their interests in contract talks with GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler. Contracts with the three expire on Sept. 14.

"Profit-laden auto companies stand to benefit from media leaks, false assumptions and political grandstanding," the UAW said in response to the search warrants. "The sole focus of president Jones and his team will be winning at the bargaining table for our members." □

CORAL SHELL

ARUBA




Contact info:
Coral Shell Sales office
Email: marisabeldaboin@hotmail.com
Tel Aruba : +297 594 6745
Tel Vnzl. : +58 412 3277132

NEW!

Coral Shell Condominium

- Heart of Oranjestad, right on the Oceanside
- 1-2-3-4-5 Bedroom Condominiums
- Modern, high-quality Construction
- Marble Floors, double glass Windows, Kitchens fully equipped
- Custom-designed Closets & Bathrooms
- Private Laundry, Parking, Pools, Fitness, Lobby & Sauna






JOSH CELLARS WINES

PROUDLY ON OUR MENU

Try the signature Tomahawk with the Josh Cabernet, a perfect pairing!








LOCATED AT ARAWAK GARDEN, PALM BEACH T: (+297) 586 8600
OPEN FROM 4PM - 11PM

FREE     YUMMYARUBA.com
Your online Aruba restaurant guide



The Restaurant at Tierra del Sol - Sunday Brunch

Experience the last Sunday Brunch before renovations starts! Share some laughter while sampling all you desire from our delectable menu of gourmet breakfast and lunch items presented in beautifully composed taste portions.



Prices are in USD
Excluding Taxes

Date: Sunday - September 1, 2019

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Price: \$ 49 P.P. including mimosas

1-3 miles away from the High Rise Hotels



For Reservation call (+297) 586 -7800 Ext. 231 or Email at restaurant@tierradelsol.com

Caya di Solo 10, Noord, Aruba
www.tierradelsol.com

Teen activist sails across Atlantic to go to climate meeting

By VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg arrived in New York City to chants and cheers Wednesday following a trans-Atlantic trip on a sailboat to attend a global warming conference.

Thunberg, 16, and her crew were escorted into a lower Manhattan marina at about 4 p.m., concluding a two-week crossing from Plymouth, England. Hundreds of activists gathered on a Hudson River promenade to cheer her arrival. Thunberg waved, was lifted onto a dock, then took her first wobbly steps on dry land.

"All of this is very overwhelming," she said of the reception, looking slightly embarrassed.

The teenager refused to fly because of the carbon cost of plane travel. A 2018 study said that because of cloud and ozone formation, air travel may trap two to four times more heat than that caused by just emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

Speaking to reporters after she landed, Thunberg said the trip wasn't as uncomfortable as she expected. She didn't get seasick once, she said. But she stressed that "this is not something I want everyone to do."

"It is insane that a 16-year-old would have to cross the Atlantic Ocean to make a stand," she said. "The climate and ecological crisis is a global crisis, the biggest crisis that humanity has ever faced, and if we don't

manage to work together and to cooperate and to work together despite our differences, then we will fail."

Thunberg has become a symbol of a growing movement of young climate activists, leading weekly protests in Sweden that inspired similar strikes in about 100 cities worldwide.

She's in New York to speak at the United Nations Climate Action Summit next month. There, she'll join world leaders who will present plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The boat carrying Thunberg, the *Malizia II*, encountered rough seas that slowed it down for a day. Taking turns steering the 60-foot (18-meter) racing yacht were yachtsman Boris Herrmann and Pierre Casiraghi, the grandson of Monaco's late Prince Rainier III and American actress Grace Kelly.

This was no pleasure cruise. The *Malizia* is built for high-speed, offshore racing, and weight is kept to a minimum. There is no toilet or fixed shower aboard, no windows below deck and only a small gas cooker to heat up freeze-dried food. The sailboat's onboard electronics are powered by solar panels and underwater turbines.

Thunberg, the daughter of an actor and an opera singer, became a European celebrity last year when she refused to go to school in the weeks before Sweden's general election to highlight the impact of climate change.

She continued her school

strike on Fridays after the election, spurring thousands of young people to follow suit. Since then, she's met the pope, spoken at Davos and attended anti-coal protests in Germany. She is now taking a year off school to pursue her activism.

Thunberg was asked upon her arrival in New York whether she had a message for U.S. President Donald Trump, a climate change skeptic.

"My message for him is just: listen to the science," she said. □



Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, waves after sailing in New York harbor aboard the *Malizia II*, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

Azure
BEACH RESIDENCES
ARUBA

Tower I:
Move in ready -90% Sold

Tower II:
Opening 1st Quarter 2020

Visit our sales office at Azure Beach Residences.
Exclusive Oceanfront residences with 180° views of the Caribbean
and just a few steps from Eagle Beach.

www.azure-aruba.com **+297-5946395**



OPENING HOURS

8am to 11pm
Monday to Friday

8am to 5pm
Saturday

24/7 SERVICE

Walk-In Immediate Medical Care

For Non-Life Threatening Acute Episodic Illnesses or Injuries

FOR AFTER-HOURS AND SUNDAYS CALL:

+297 586 0448

Noord 63 in the Noord Medical Center Building

info@urgentcare.aw www.urgentcare.aw urgentcarearuba



Urgent Care Aruba

Continued from Front

Mattis said the problem is made worse by this administration's disregard for the enduring value of allies, which he alluded to in the resignation letter he gave Trump on Dec. 20.

"Nations with allies thrive," he wrote in the Journal essay, "and those without them wither. Alone, America cannot protect our people and our economy. At this time, we can see storm clouds gathering."

In an apparent reference to Trump, Mattis added: "A polemicist's role is not sufficient for a leader. A leader must display strategic acumen that incorporates respect for those nations that have stood with us when trouble loomed."

Mattis is breaking months of public silence as he promotes his new book, "Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead," which is scheduled to be published Sept. 3. He is to discuss the book in an appearance next Tuesday at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

Without citing Trump by name, Mattis suggested the administration and its strongest critics are engaged in destructive politics. He said he worries more about internal divisions in American society than about external threats.

"We are dividing into hostile tribes cheering against each other, fueled by emotion and a mutual disdain that jeopardizes our future, instead of rediscovering our common ground and finding solutions," he said.

He said Americans must realize that their democracy

is an experiment.

"Tribalism must not be allowed to destroy our experiment," he wrote.

A longtime colleague, Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was asked at a Pentagon news conference whether he agrees with Mattis that political tribalism in the U.S. is threatening democracy.

Dunford said he is careful to remain apolitical and would not make judgments about Trump. He said the military has managed to avoid politicization, despite a few lapses, during what he called "a very politically turbulent period of time" since Trump took office.

Regarding his reasons for leaving the Trump administration, Mattis offered a slightly more pointed explanation than he outlined in his resignation letter.

"When my concrete solutions and strategic advice, especially keeping faith with our allies, no longer resonated, it was time to resign, despite the limitless joy I felt serving alongside our troops in defense of our Constitution," he wrote.

Mattis, who had never met or spoken to Trump before the Republican president-elect interviewed him for the Pentagon job in November 2016, quickly became known as a leading voice of reason and stability in an administration led by an impulsive president unfamiliar with the tools of statecraft and dismissive of allies' interests.

Mattis resigned shortly after Trump announced he was pulling all U.S. troops



In this March 23, 2018 file photo, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, left, and Vice President Mike Pence, right, listen to President Donald Trump, center, speaks in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

from Syria. In Mattis' view this amounted to betraying the Syrian Kurdish fighters who'd partnered with American troops to combat the Islamic State group. Trump later backed away from his decision, allowing a portion of the U.S. force to remain in Syria in what the Pentagon sees as an effort to prevent a resurgence of the Islamic State group.

In his resignation letter, Mattis emphasized the value of allies and suggested that Trump had been ir- resolute and ambiguous in

his approach to Russia and China. Trump said after Mattis left Dec. 31 that the former Marine general had done a poor job managing the war in Afghanistan.

He turned down Mattis' offer to stay at the Pentagon until February to ensure a smooth transition, instead telling Mattis to leave right away. □



LIKE US ON

facebook

Facebook.com/arubatoday/

An exclusive residential park in the best neighborhood of Aruba!

Condo's, Townhouses and Luxury Villas with private pools on property land.



Sales Office:
Salina Cerca 131, Noord
Tel: +297 280 4664
Open: Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm

WWW.TUSCANYRESIDENCEARUBA.COM

New Hampshire governor promises reforms after deadly crash

By MICHAEL CASEY

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) —

New Hampshire plans to suspend the licenses of nearly 4,000 drivers in the latest fallout following a June crash that killed seven motorcyclists, Gov. Chris Sununu said Wednesday.

The Republican governor said the review of the Division of Motor Vehicles sparked by the deadly crash that was just released led authorities to catch up on notifications it had that dated back to July 2016. Sununu said the department is now caught up and more than 37,000 DMV infractions have been looked at.

Authorities blamed the backlog on the lack of automation, which included nearly 14,000 notifications that should have been sent to other states as well as over 13,000 notifications of infractions received by New Hampshire from other states.

A similar process led Massachusetts to uncover a far larger backlog.

"We left no stone unturned. We accounted for every file and every notification," Sununu said of the review. "It's our job as public officials to go through these reviews to ensure that the systems we have in place across the state truly work for the people that we represent."

As a result, Sununu said more than 3,000 drivers from New Hampshire and elsewhere will have their licenses suspended. None of the suspensions resulted in fatalities in New Hampshire and were not directly related to the deadly motorcycle crash in Randolph. "What we have learned through the process allows us to both challenge and assist other states as they hopefully undergo the same exercise," Sununu said.

A pickup truck collided with motorcyclists on June 21. The driver, 23-year-old Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, of West Springfield, Massachusetts, pleaded not guilty to negligent homicide. Officials say Zhukovskyy's

license in Massachusetts should've been suspended because of a drunken driving arrest.

The crash led to the firing of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles director after it was found the agency stored 45,000 convictions and suspensions levied on out-of-state drivers since March 2018, rather than acting on them.

A preliminary audit found that a motor vehicles employee missed an opportunity to revoke Zhukovskyy's license because he did not know how to add convictions to driving records. After being notified of Zhukovskyy's May drunken driving arrest in Connecticut, the employee briefly reviewed the notification from Connecticut but did not change Zhukovskyy's record.

As part of an ongoing review of the motor vehicles department, the registry this month suspended the licenses of another 869 drivers. The suspensions were in addition to the more than 1,600 people in Massachusetts who had already had their licenses suspended. Sununu said that he only learned of the backlog after the crash and could not say when the backlog would have been cleared if not for the deadly collision.

Sununu, Department of Safety Commissioner Bob Quinn, and DMV Director Elizabeth Bielecki, speaking at a press conference, said there are measures the state plans to take to ensure notices are handled promptly in the future. Among them are continuing to build out an automated processing system in the works for several years, completing the development of an electronic interface with the judicial branch and working to automate filings from insurance companies. Sununu also has ordered the DMV to produce a monthly status report on notifications. Further out, Sununu is recommending legislative changes that would allow the DMV to share notifications for all drivers, not just



In this July 6, 2019 file photo, motorcyclists participate in a ride to remember seven bikers killed in a June collision with a pickup truck at the site in Randolph, N.H.

Associated Press

those in states which participate in the REAL ID program. The state is also hop-

ing to encourage municipalities in New Hampshire to automate the sharing of

notifications with the state. Currently, most mail paper notifications to the DMV. □

Pinchos Grill & Bar

A unique dining experience on the ocean

**Happy Hour every
Wednesday & Saturday
8:30 to 10:00 PM**

2 for 1 drinks

Bar Snack Platters available

Petite Fillet of Wahoo
Cherry Tomato & Grilled Shrimp
Aruban Basil Garlic Sauce

OR

Creamy Vegetable Bisque
Sesame Croutons

Sautéed Grouper
Coconut Jasmine Rice, Market Vegetable
Tarragon White Wine Sauce

OR

*Herb-cheese stuffed Grilled
Chicken Breast*
Parmesan Mashed Potato, Market Vegetable
Tropical Fruit and Mango Salsa

Local Bread Pudding à la mode
Warm homemade bread pudding
Vanilla ice cream

**15th
ANNIVERSARY**

**Special 3-course
Menu**

\$75.00 plus 15% service charge
Price is per Couple (2 persons)
Valid Daily for seating of 8:00pm or later
**Available from
June 1 – September 30, 2019**

For reservations: phone 583-2666 - reservepinchosgrill@setarnet.aw
Opening Hours: Monday to Monday from 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm

With online reservations on Super Saver days No exceptions

SAVE 20%

JOLLY PIRATE TICKETS

SAIL, SNORKEL, SWIM & SWING!
9am-1pm \$60pp
Visit 3 Great sites BBQ,
Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!

AFTERNOON SNORKEL
2-5pm \$45pp
2 snorkel sites Open
Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!

SUNSET SAIL
5:30-7:30pm \$32pp
Open Bar & Ropeswing!

www.jolly-pirates.com

Offer not valid in combination with other discount offers.

Shelter data pinpoints U.S. destinations of asylum seekers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A detailed snapshot of the recent surge of asylum-seeking families crossing into the U.S. from Mexico gives a sense of how they were treated after entering and where they settled. Houston was the destination for 432 of 7,358 families briefly housed in a San Diego shelter from late October through June, 100 more than the second most popular spot, Los Angeles. The count reflects Houston's emergence as a primary gateway for immigrants, including many Central Americans.

The details about the migrants' destinations were extrapolated for The Associated Press from a survey of shelter migrant registration forms compiled by Tom K. Wong, an associate political science professor at University of California, San Diego. A report on the survey was made public Wednesday that focuses on custody conditions and demographic characteristics of the asylum seekers who stayed at the shelter affiliated with the San Diego Rapid Response Network, a coalition of attorneys, advocates and civic groups. U.S. authorities arrested or stopped nearly 800,000 people from October to June, making the snapshot of more than 17,100 adults and children who passed through San Diego a partial but still significant view of a surge that overwhelmed authorities and led to migrants being held in sometimes squalid conditions. In another reflection of shifting demographics, Chicago, a longtime draw for

| ESTADO | BUS DIAS | AVION HORAS | ESTADO | BUS DIAS | AVION HORAS |
|---------------|----------|-------------|----------------|----------|-------------|
| ALABAMA | 2d | 7 | NEBRASKA | 2d | 6 |
| ALASKA | 3d | 10 | NEVADA | 1d | 6 |
| ARIZONA | 1d | 10 | NEW HAMPSHIRE | 3d | 10 |
| ARKANSAS | 2d | 10 | NEW JERSEY | 3d | 10 |
| COLORADO | 1d | 10 | NEW MEXICO | 2d | 10 |
| CONNECTICUT | 4d | 10 | NEW YORK | 3d | 10 |
| DELAWARE | 3d | 10 | NORTH CAROLINA | 3d | 10 |
| FLORIDA | 3d | 10 | OHIO | 2d | 7 |
| GEORGIA | 2d | 10 | OKLAHOMA | 2d | 7 |
| HAWAII | — | — | OREGON | 1d | 4 |
| IDAHO | 2d | 5 | PENNSYLVANIA | 3d | 10 |
| ILLINOIS | 2d | 7 | RHODE ISLAND | 3d | 9 |
| INDIANA | 2d | 7 | SOUTH CAROLINA | 3d | 9 |
| IOWA | 3d | 6 | NORTH DAKOTA | 2d | 7 |
| KANSAS | 2d | 7 | SOUTH DAKOTA | 2d | 7 |
| KENTUCKY | 2d | 7 | TENNESSEE | 2d | 8 |
| LOUISIANA | 3d | 5 | TEXAS | 2d | 4 |
| MAINE | 4d | 5 | UTAH | 1d | 4 |
| MARYLAND | 3d | 6 | VERMONT | 4d | 10 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 3d | 7 | VIRGINIA | 3d | 10 |
| MICHIGAN | 3d | 7 | WASHINGTON | 2d | 6 |
| MINNESOTA | 2d | 7 | WEST VIRGINIA | 3d | 7 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 2d | 7 | WISCONSIN | 3d | 7 |
| MISSOURI | 2d | 7 | WYOMING | 2d | 6 |
| MONTANA | 2d | 7 | | | |

This Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019 photo, a sign in Spanish with travel times to U.S. destinations is on display at a migrant shelter affiliated with the San Diego Rapid Response Network in San Diego. Associated Press

Mexican immigrants, was the destination for only 76 families, ranking 21st with less than half the number of families headed to Nashville, Tennessee, and barely more than Fort Myers, Florida. Dumas, a town of 15,000 people in the Texas Panhandle that is half Latino and has a large meatpacking plant nearby, was the destination for 56 families, more than Denver, Phoenix or Seattle. Other small cities that drew large numbers include Huntsville and Gadsden in Alabama and Chattanooga, Tennessee. The coalition opened its shelter in late October, when U.S. authorities began releasing asylum-seeking families before they could arrange travel. Families were released with ankle monitors for heads of household and notices to report to authorities in destination cities while their

cases wind through bottlenecked immigration courts. Among San Diego asylum-seeking families, 31% reported problems with U.S. custody conditions, according to the study by Wong's U.S. Immigration Policy Center. Families were held an average of 3.4 days. The most common complaints were about food and water, including insufficient infant formula, spoiled food and dirty water. Others reported issues with hygiene, including not having a toothbrush or toothpaste and lack of showers. Nearly half those who complained had issues related to sleep, overcrowding and confinement and cold temperatures. The study found that one of every five heads of households had a primary language other than Spanish but nearly 90% of them were given legal instructions in Spanish. Other com-

mon languages include the Mayan dialects of K'iche', Q'eqchi and Mam, Vietnamese and Creole. Guatemalans accounted for 48% of families served in San Diego, Hondurans made up 30%, El Salvadorans 8% and Haitians 5%. "These findings raise serious due process concerns," said Kate Clark, director of immigration services at Jewish Family Service of San Diego. "If asylum-seeking families are not being given vital instructions about their immigration proceedings in a language they can read or understand, how can we expect them to navigate an already complex legal process that is increasingly stacked against them?" U.S. Customs and Border Protection said that it provides the migrants three meals daily, drinks, unlimited snacks and hygiene products. Border Patrol Chief Carla Provost said last

month that stations weren't designed for long-term custody and were occupied at "unprecedented and unsustainable" levels. Customs and Border Protection, the Border Patrol's parent agency, contracts for translation services when officers cannot determine migrants' primary languages, said Ralph DeSio, a spokesman in San Diego. San Diego County has allowed Jewish Family Service to run the shelter in a former courthouse for free. The shelter, which relies on state funding and private donations, houses up to 250 people, providing hot meals, showers and cots for one to three days. The shelter's population has dropped as border arrests have fallen and the U.S. ramped up a policy to make asylum seekers wait in Mexico while their cases wind through U.S. courts. Mexicans are exempt from the policy. Luz Viviana Perez, 53, said she spent more than two years on the run through her native Mexico, trying to escape an abusive partner who trailed her, knocked her teeth out and pressured their 17-year-old daughter to become a prostitute. "We've been throughout Mexico, fleeing from place to place," she said Tuesday at the shelter with the 17-year-old and her 12-year-old daughter. Perez is familiar with complaints about U.S. custody conditions but she had no complaints about her five days in a 30-person cell. The lights were always on but she said she ate four times daily and showered every other day. □

Nevada woman wrongly imprisoned 35 years for murder gets \$3M

By SCOTT SONNER

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada woman who spent 35 years in prison for a murder she didn't commit before she was exonerated by DNA evidence on a crime-scene cigarette butt will get \$3 million in a partial settlement of a federal civil rights lawsuit, her lawyer said Wednesday.

Cathy Woods, 68, will continue to seek additional damages from the city of Reno and former detectives she accuses of coercing a fabricated confession from her while she was a patient at a Louisiana mental hospital in 1979, according to her lawyer, Elizabeth Wang.

Woods was released from prison in 2015 when new evidence linked the 1976 killing of a Reno college student to an Oregon inmate, Rodney Halbower, who has since has been convicted of two San Francisco Bay Area slayings that happened during the same period.

Woods, who now lives with relatives near the city of Anacortes, Washington, was the longest-ever wrongfully incarcerated woman in U.S. history, according to the National Registry of Exonerations.

"Although no amount of money will compensate Ms. Woods for what she endured, this will go at least some way toward providing care for her," Wang said.

Woods was extremely psychotic and never should have been interrogated by detectives investigating the 1976 killing of 19-year-old Michelle Mitchell, Wang said.

The Washoe County Commission voted 4-0 on Tuesday to pay \$3 million to settle a portion of the federal lawsuit that had named former county District Attorney Cal Dunlap as a defendant. Wang said she will ask a federal judge to drop him as a defendant after the partial settlement is finalized.

A separate lawsuit filed against the state earlier this month also will continue, Wang said, under a new Nevada law that went into effect this year allowing those wrongfully convicted to seek up to \$3.5 million in civil damages. The federal lawsuit seeks unspecified monetary damages.

Woods' initial conviction in 1980 was overturned by Nevada's Supreme Court. She was convicted again in 1984, and the high court upheld that conviction in

1988.

A judge vacated it for good in 2014 after DNA technology not previously available linked evidence to Halbower. Detectives in Reno and Northern California subsequently identified him as the "Gypsy Hills Killer," named for an area in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Pacifica where one body was found.

Authorities believe Halbower raped and killed six women and girls — including Mitchell in Reno in 1976. But he only was charged with two killings and last year was sentenced to life in prison for the killings of 17-year-old Paula Baxter and 18-year-old Veronica Cascio.

The county said in a statement it remains confident there was no wrongdoing by any county employees but that the settlement brings an end to costly litigation.

"The conviction and subsequent incarceration of Woods for murder is a tragic situation that Washoe County hopes is never repeated," the county said. "While money can rarely



In this Sept. 8, 2014, file photo, Cathy Woods appears in Washoe District court in Reno, Nev.

Associated Press

compensate an individual for loss of freedom, Washoe County sincerely hopes that this monetary settlement will be utilized for the best possible care of Woods."

Woods' federal lawsuit filed in 2016 says she was a poorly educated woman with severe mental illness who was "intentionally framed" by authorities.

She was bartending in Reno when Mitchell was killed. She later moved to Louisiana, and her mother committed her to the psychiat-

ric hospital where Woods told a counselor about "a girl named Michelle being murdered in Reno."

Washoe County public defender Maizie Pusich told The Associated Press in 2014 Woods didn't remember confessing while at the hospital. "I'm told it was a product of wanting to get a private room," Pusich said. "She was being told she wasn't sufficiently dangerous to qualify, and within a short period she was claiming she had killed a woman in Reno." □

New York law softening pot penalties goes into effect

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York softened penalties for possessing small amounts of marijuana and created a process for erasing certain past offenses in a state law that went into place Wednesday.

The maximum penalty for possessing less than an ounce of pot has been lowered to \$50. The legislation also turns an unlawful marijuana possession statute into a violation similar to a traffic ticket, instead of a criminal charge.

The criminal statute was responsible for hundreds of thousands of arrests over the past four decades, according to state data.

"For too long communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by laws governing marijuana and have suffered the life-long consequences of an unfair marijuana conviction," said Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo in a statement issued Wednesday. Advocates for marijuana legalization have argued the law is a positive step but falls short of addressing negative consequences that come with keeping the drug illegal. Under the law, they say people can still face immigration consequences and probation violations for basic marijuana possession. □

ARUBA Beach Club Resort

since 1977

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Aruba Beach Club Resort has a job opening for the General Manager's position.

Resort General Manager

The Aruba Beach Club Resort, the **first** timeshare resort in Aruba with 131 guest rooms, is looking for someone to fill the General Manager's position.

The General Manager is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the resort and its' staff.

Requirements

- To be able to speak and write in English
- Five years of management or experience, preferably in the hotel, hospitality or timeshare industry.
- Proven leadership skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Have the ability to delegate, to follow-up, to multi-task and time-management.
- Interact with both owners and guests.
- Strong personal presence and personality.
- Direct activities at all levels.

Preferred but not required to communicate in:

- Dutch
- Spanish
- Papiamentu

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by this employee. He or she will be required to follow any other requests or instructions and to perform any other duties requested by the Aruba Beach Club Board of Directors.

Email resumes to:

Kevin Foley, Chairman
ABC Board of Directors
< teamboston911@aol.com >

UK's Johnson moves to suspend Parliament ahead of Brexit

By **DANICA KIRKA**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson maneuvered Wednesday to give his political opponents even less time to block a chaotic no-deal Brexit before the Oct. 31 withdrawal deadline, winning Queen Elizabeth II's approval to suspend Parliament. His critics were outraged.

Though Johnson previously had refused to rule out such a move, the timing of the decision took lawmakers — many of whom are on vacation — by surprise. Johnson insisted he was taking the step so he could outline his domestic agenda, and he shot down the notion that he was curbing debate, saying there would be "ample time" to discuss Brexit and other issues.

Lawmakers reacted with fury, including John Bercow, speaker of the lower House of Commons, who was not told in advance of Johnson's plan.

"Shutting down Parliament would be an offense against the democratic process and the rights of parliamentarians as the people's elected representatives," Bercow said. "Surely at this early stage in his premiership, the prime minister should be seeking to establish rather than undermine his democratic credentials and indeed his commitment to Parliamentary democracy."

The main opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn wrote to the queen to protest "in the strongest possible terms on behalf of my party and I believe all the other opposition parties are going to join in with this."

The monarch, however, kept with her steadfast refusal to get involved in politics.

The House of Commons will convene from Sept. 3-10 and then was scheduled to go on a break until Oct. 9 — though lawmakers had suggested they might cancel that break and stay in session because of the Brexit crisis.

Johnson said he decided



Anti-Brexit supporters wave flags and hold signs at College Green near the Houses of Parliament in central London, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

to ask the queen to give her speech that outlines the government's legislative agenda on Oct. 14, and she approved suspending Parliament for a total of 32 days between Sept. 12 and Oct. 14. That makes it unlikely the lawmakers would have enough time to pass laws blocking the U.K.'s withdrawal from the European Union without a negotiated divorce deal by Oct. 31.

"This is completely normal procedure," House of Commons leader Jacob Rees-Mogg told Sky News.

But shadow chancellor John McDonnell tweeted: "Make no mistake, this is a very British coup."

"Whatever one's views on Brexit, once you allow a Prime Minister to prevent the full and free operation of our democratic institutions you are on a very precarious path," he said.

Guy Verhofstadt, the European Parliament's chief Brexit official, called Johnson's move "sinister."

"As a fellow parliamentarian, my solidarity with those fighting for their voices to be heard," he tweeted.

"Suppressing debate on profound choices is unlikely to help deliver a stable future EU-UK relationship."

The pound plunged on the news, down to \$1.2196 from almost \$1.2300 the previous day.

The EU is adamant it will not renegotiate the agreement struck with former Prime Minister Theresa May on the terms of Britain's departure and the framework of future relations. Without such a deal, Britain faces a chaotic Brexit that economists warn would disrupt trade by imposing tariffs and customs checks between Britain and the bloc, send the value of the pound plummeting and plunge the U.K. into recession. May resigned in defeat after failing — three times — to secure Parliament's backing for her divorce deal with the bloc.

Hundreds of people packed College Green outside Parliament, waving EU flags and placards to express their anger, while 25 bishops from the Church of England released an open letter about their worries about the "economic shocks" of a no-deal Brexit on the poor and other vulnerable people.

A petition on a government website demanding that Parliament not be suspended has gotten more than 100,000 signatures —

guaranteeing that it will be considered for debate.

Lawmakers already are asking a Scottish court to rule that suspending Parliament is illegal. If that fails, pro-EU legislators are also planning to try to pass a law banning a no-deal Brexit, although the government has now sharply limited their time to do that.

Another option is to bring down the government with a no-confidence vote. That would spark a 14-day period in which Johnson could try to overturn the result. If he failed, there would be a general election — but the government believes it would not have to be held until after the Oct. 31 Brexit deadline.

During that key 14 days after a no-confidence vote, another lawmaker could try to win Parliament's backing in a vote. If they succeeded, Johnson should, in theory, have to step down and let the winner form a government.

But these rules were introduced in a 2011 law and have never been tested, leaving plenty of room for argument.

"If Parliament is suspended to suit Boris Johnson, it's not just going to be suspended from discussing Brexit. We

could go to war," Labour spokeswoman on legal issues Shami Chakrabarti told the BBC. "People will work together to stop this unconstitutional suspension of Parliament and we will get greater unity on that even than on stopping a no-deal Brexit."

On Tuesday, opposition lawmakers declared that they would join forces to try to stop a departure from the EU without an agreement, setting up a legislative challenge to Johnson and his past promises to complete the divorce deal. Some 160 lawmakers have signed a declaration pledging "to do whatever is necessary" to prevent Johnson from bypassing Parliament.

Johnson has told European officials it won't be possible to agree a deal on Britain's departure from the bloc without the removal of controversial language on a "backstop" aimed at avoiding the return of a border between EU member Ireland and Britain's Northern Ireland. He said at the close of the G-7 summit in Biarritz, France, on Monday that he was "marginally more optimistic," of progress.

Scott Lucas, a professor of international politics at the University of Birmingham, said Johnson's maneuver touched off the biggest crisis since the abdication of King Edward VIII to marry the divorced American socialite, Wallis Simpson.

"This is biggest constitutional crisis since the 1930s," Lucas said. "Even World War II didn't present a constitutional crisis because the coalition government and Parliament agreed the rules of the game."

It's also a potential economic crisis because of the projected drop in GDP, he added.

Johnson did earn support from one big backer: U.S. President Donald Trump. Just days after the two met at the G-7 summit, Trump reaffirmed his support by tweeting that the prime minister "is exactly what the U.K. has been looking for, & will prove to be 'a great one!'" □

Not valid in combination with any other promotion.



QUE PASA?
ARUBA
RESTAURANT • ART GALLERY & BAR

FLORIN FOR DOLLAR

EVERY DAY 4PM - 5PM & 9PM - 10PM

43% DISCOUNT

ONE DELICIOUS DISCOUNT

FREE PARKING
For Que Pasa guests at our parkinglot (5pm - 12am)

WILHELMINASTRAAT 18, ORANJESTAD. OPEN DAILY AT 4PM. RESTAURANT OPEN TILL 11PM & BAR TILL 12AM.
RESERVATIONS: + 297 583-4888 OR JUST WALK IN!! E: QUEPASA@ARUBAWINEANDDINE.COM

FREE WIFI

WWW.QUEPASAARUBA.COM

Australia tries to curb foreign interference at universities

By ROD McGUIRK
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Australia announced Wednesday that it has formed a task force to crack down on attempts by foreign governments to meddle in Australian universities.

The move comes as concerns grow over Chinese influence at Australia's universities, where Chinese students are by far the largest group of foreign students. Pro-Beijing student demonstrators have recently clashed with Hong Kong democracy advocates on Australian campuses.

Australia has also raised concerns about the influence of Beijing-funded Confucius Institutes at Aus-

tralian universities.

Education Minister Dan Tehan said the task force will comprise half university staff and half government agency officials.

"Our government is taking action to provide clarity at the intersection of national security, research, collaboration and a university's autonomy," Tehan said.

"Universities also understand the risk to their operations and to the national interest from cyberattacks and foreign interference and we are working constructively to address it," he added.

The task force includes a cybersecurity working group that will better protect university networks against unauthorized ac-



Australian Education Minister Dan Tehan speaks at the National Press Club in Canberra, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019.

Associated Press

cess and damage.

China said Wednesday that claims of its "so-called infiltration" are "purely fabricated with ulterior motives." "Politicizing education co-operation and artificially setting obstacles are not good or beneficial,"

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a daily briefing. "We hope that the Australian side will see China-Australia cooperation in various fields in an objective manner."

The Australian Cyber Se-

curity Center, an intergovernmental agency, has said Australian universities are increasingly attractive targets for cyberattacks because of their research across a range of fields and the intellectual property that the research generates.

Australian universities said through their representative body, Universities Australia, that they want to work collaboratively with the government to enhance existing safeguards. "Australian universities have worked with government for decades to protect our intellectual property and to rebuff attempts to breach our security," Universities Australia Chair Deborah Terry said in a statement. □

UN opposes forced repatriation of refugees to Burundi

By SYLVESTER DOMASA

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP)

— The United Nations refugee agency is urging the governments of Tanzania and Burundi not to forcibly repatriate Burundian refugees sheltering in Tanzania.

Although security generally has improved in Burundi since violence erupted after the 2015 presidential polls, "conditions in Burundi are not currently conducive to promote returns," UNHCR said in an e-mailed statement.

"We call upon the governments of both Tanzania and Burundi's commitment to uphold international obligations and ensure that any returns are volun-

tary in line with the tripartite agreement signed in March of 2018," the statement said. "UNHCR urges States to ensure that no refugee is returned to Burundi against their will, and that measures are taken to make conditions in Burundi more conducive for refugees returns, including confidence building efforts and incentives for those who have chosen to go home." Tanzanian authorities said Tuesday they had reached an agreement with Burundi to send all Burundian refugees back home from October 1.

About 400,000 Burundian refugees have sought asylum elsewhere in the region, according to UNHCR.

An estimated 200,000 of them are sheltering in Burundi.

Tanzanian authorities have expressed frustration over what they say is the slow pace with which the UN is repatriating refugees back to Burundi. Nearly 75,000 refugees have voluntarily returned to Burundi since December 2017.

Most of the Burundian refugees live in camps in the northwestern region of Kigoma.

"They're still more refugees who have registered for voluntary repatriation but have not been returned, thus fueling violence in camps," Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Maganga, Kigoma regional commissioner, told



In this Saturday, May 23, 2015 file photo, refugees who fled Burundi's violence and political tension wait to board a UN ship, at Kagunga on Lake Tanganyika, Tanzania, to be taken to the port city of Kigoma.

Associated Press

AP on Wednesday. Tanzania's government has formed a committee to advise on whether to apply

the government's own procedures or reconsider arrangements by the UNHCR, he said. □

Yemeni government forces push into key port city of Aden

By AHMED AL-HAJ
SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Forces loyal to Yemen's internationally recognized government pushed Wednesday into the key port city of Aden after wresting control of another southern provincial capital from separatists backed by the United Arab Emirates, officials and local residents said.

Government troops also retook the international airport in Aden, a main hub for the southern part of the country, Yemen's information minister said. Many predicted the city would fall back into government hands within hours.

The rapid advance by government forces underscored the seesaw nature of the fighting between the two ostensible allies in the conflict. Only weeks before, the separatists had gained much territory in southern Yemen, pushing government forces out of strategic cities and areas. The fighting between the two sides has added another layer to the complex civil war in the Arab world's most impoverished country, a war pitting a Saudi-led coalition backing the government against the Houthi rebels who control the country's north.

Earlier in the day, government forces pushed the UAE-backed separatist militia, known as the Security



In this frame grab from video provided by Yemen Today, Yemeni army vehicles enter Zinjibar, Yemen, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019.

Belt, out of the city of Zinjibar, the capital of southern Abyan province, following clashes that left at least one dead and 30 wounded fighters. The separatists had seized Zinjibar earlier this month.

Retreating from Zinjibar, the separatist fled to nearby Aden province, which they had taken from forces of Saudi-backed President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi earlier this month, the officials said.

Government forces then continued their push to retake the city of Aden, which has functioned as the seat of Hadi's government since the Iran-backed Houthi rebels captured Sanaa, Yemen's capital, and much of the north in 2014.

Hadi's forces first reclaimed

the eastern district of Khor Maksar, and then moved to the neighborhood of Crater in Aden where the presidential palace is located, the officials said.

Saudi Arabia and Emirati forces have guarded the palace since the separatists pushed the presidential guards out of the city.

Information Minister Moammar al-Iryani said government forces reclaimed Aden's airport. "National army forces entered Aden airport and have taken full control of the main gate of the airport amid public celebration and joy," he tweeted.

"The return of the state to Aden is a victory for the people," said Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed, Yemen's prime minister.

Hadi's supporters were seen in videos online dancing in the streets of Zinjibar and Aden, and welcoming government forces. Videos showing Hadi's forces on streets of Khor Maksar carrying machine guns and cheering to prove they reclaimed.

Local residents said the UAE-backed separatists fled to nearby Lahij and Dhale provinces.

Security officials said the separatists still controlled Jabal al-Hadid military camp, one of the main military facilities Aden. The Security Belt militia were also still in their camps in Aden. Saudi officers were working with both sides to avoid fighting in the densely populated areas and convince them to attend the recon-

ciliation talks in Saudi Arabia, the officials said.

But later, security officials said the Saudi-led coalition carried out an airstrike close to a military camp in Aden's Dar Saad district. Witnesses said a bus in the area was hit, killing an unknown number of civilians. Another airstrike hit an unidentified target in eastern Aden, the officials said. They said the coalition has warned both sides that it will strike either side moving on the ground.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief media, while the witnesses demanded anonymity for fear of reprisals.

In a 48-second audio message, Aidarous al-Zubaidi, a former Aden governor who leads the Southern Transitional Council, called on his forces to resist. He said the separatists have fought a "battle of fate against terrorism and extremism."

His deputy Hani Bin Braik, former Cabinet minister, also tweeted Wednesday that "Aden is OK." He said separatist forces "are pouring in for the great battle of dignity." The latest push by Hadi's government came days after the Saudi-led coalition called for a cease-fire and invited both sides to reconciliation talks in Saudi Arabia. The coalition also urged the separatists to withdraw from all government buildings and military bases. □

Airstrikes in Syria's Idlib hit near Turkish military post



This photo released by the opposition Syrian Civil Defense rescue group shows a civil defense worker inspecting destroyed buildings after airstrikes hit the town of Jarjnas, in Idlib province, Syria.

Associated Press

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government warplanes struck towns and villages Wednesday in the northwestern province of Idlib, including one near a Turkish observation post, opposition activists said.

The intense airstrikes came a day after insurgents launched counterattacks on the edges of Idlib, near areas that were recently captured by government forces.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human

Rights said the airstrikes targeted the town of Maaret al-Numan and villages near it, with one hitting close to one of Turkey's 12 observation posts in Idlib.

The Syrian Civil Defense said another airstrike hit a market in the town of Sarqeb, wounding eight people.

A government offensive that began on April 30 has killed more than 2,000 people and displaced half a million. Many have fled further north toward the border with Turkey.

Maaret al-Numan and Sar-

qeb are among the main towns in Idlib that sit on the highway that links the capital of Damascus with the northern city of Aleppo, Syria's largest. Syrian troops captured last week the town of Khan Sheikhoun, which also sits on the highway.

Government forces are trying to eventually open the highway in what would cut the trip between the country's two largest cities by two hours as drivers now have to take a longer and narrower desert road. □



Jeep Tour Safari

Drive your own Jeep Wrangler or Kia Sportage, or (be a passenger) through the Country side, explore Aruba's secret beaches that you would never on your own, we'll present Aruba's total topside history by jeep with the island's best guides pointing out the way and stopping at the most iconic sites the island has to offer, such as Indian Caves, National Park, Baby Beach & more...optional join us for a nice Sailing & Snorkeling cruise after your Jeep Tour.

Visit us at Casa del Mar, Playa Linda, Holiday Inn Concierge/lobby desk/ beach huts, RIU Hut between Antilla & Palace Hotel on the beach, or at our own Pelican Pier located between the Holiday Inn & Playa Linda Resort. For reservations call 587-2302 (Mon-Sun) Or book online at: www.pelican-aruba.com



PRESENT THIS AD AND RECEIVE
\$10 DISCOUNT PER COUPLE

245 rescued from burning ferry in Philippine waters, 3 dead

By JIM GOMEZ

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

Fishing boats and passing ships rescued 245 people from a ferry that burned overnight in choppy waters in the southern Philippines but at least three people perished, including a child, coast guard officials said Wednesday.

Survivors described how they feared being killed by either the fire or waves while waiting for hours to be rescued as bright-orange flames engulfed much of the vessel, the M/V Lite Ferry 16, off Dapitan city in Zamboanga del Norte province.

The fire apparently started in the engine room, coast guard spokesman Armand Balilo said. Despite the damage, the ferry stayed afloat about 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) off Dapitan city, where it was heading from Santander in central Cebu province.

The victims were a 1-year-old girl and two male passengers in their 60s, Balilo said.

"I was thinking of the Lord



This undated photo provided by Philippine Coast Guard in Manila shows the M/V Lite Ferry 16 being docked at a port in Dipolog in Zamboanga del Norte province in southern Philippines.

Associated Press

because I thought there were only two ways that I could end: I could get burned alive or I may drown," Wilfredo Castro, a businessman, told The Associated Press by telephone after being rescued.

Some passengers jumped off the ferry in panic when the fire broke out before midnight Tuesday and were rescued by passing vessels. Castro said he and about 30 mostly male fellow pas-

sengers allowed a group of the elderly, women and children to be rescued first by a passenger speed boat but when their turn came, the waves grew more dangerous in the darkness.

"The waves were too strong and rescue boats may not be able to find us if we jumped into the sea," Castro said. After about five hours of frantic waiting in the ferry's cargo loading bay, one of the parts of

the ferry untouched by the flames, he said he and the others decided to go for it and dove into the sea.

They struggled in the strong waves but reached a waiting rescue boat, he said.

"This is my second life," the 30-year-old businessman said with relief, although he lost a laptop, a camera, a cellphone, clothes and other belongings.

Balilo said the coast guard did not have any patrol

ship in the area, so it alerted nearby vessels to help in the rescue. "It's good that a number of ships immediately responded," he said.

It was unclear whether any people were missing, but none was reported by relatives. The search would nevertheless continue, Balilo said around noon Wednesday.

Meanwhile, in the northern Philippines, ferries were warned not to venture to sea after a fast-moving storm blew across the main island of Luzon overnight. Heavy rain fell in some northern provinces, but no casualties or major damage were reported, officials said.

Sea accidents are common in the Philippine archipelago because of frequent storms, badly maintained boats, overcrowding and weak enforcement of safety regulations. In December 1987, the ferry Dona Paz sank after colliding with a fuel tanker, killing more than 4,341 people in the world's worst peacetime maritime disaster. □

Japan's move to lower South Korea trade status takes effect

By YURI KAGEYAMA

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's downgrading of South Korea's trade status took effect Wednesday, a decision that has already set off a series of reactions hurting bilateral relations.

Japanese manufacturers now must apply for approval for each technology-related contract for South Korean export, rather than the simpler checks granted a preferential trade partner, which is still the status of the U.S. and others.

Since Japan announced the decision about two months ago, South Korea

decided to similarly downgrade Tokyo's trade status, which will take effect next month. Seoul has also canceled a deal to share military intelligence with Japan.

South Korea has accused Japan of weaponizing trade because of a separate dispute linked to Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

Japan denies retaliating and says wartime compensation issues were already settled.

"Relations between Japan and South Korea continue to be in an extremely seri-

ous situation because of South Korea's repeated negative and irrational actions, including the most critical issue of laborers from the Korean Peninsula," Japanese government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters.

Suga was referring to South Korea's Supreme Court ruling last year that said the wartime compensation deal, signed in 1965, did not cover individual rights to seek reparations and ordered Japanese companies to compensate victims of forced labor. Suga said Japan will continue to try to talk to South Korea. □



In this Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, photo, Japan's Trade Minister Hiroshige Seko speaks during a press conference in Tokyo.

Associated Press

Mexico's Playa Bagdad mixes sun, sand and drug trafficking

By MARIA VERZA

PLAYA BAGDAD, Mexico

(AP) — At the very eastern end of the U.S.-Mexico border there's a long strip of sand where the Rio Grande meets the sea. It is called Playa Bagdad — or 'Bagdad Beach.'

Unlike the Tijuana-Imperial Beach border on the western end, here there are no steel pilings marching out to sea to stop migrants from swimming, wading or paddling across to the United States.

In Playa Bagdad, which is spelled 'Playa Baghdad' by the Drug Enforcement Agency, it's apparently unnecessary: This is a beach for drugs and crime, not migrants.

As attention focuses on the migrant crisis along the border that has drawn harsh rhetoric and actions from President Donald Trump, Playa Bagdad seems to have escaped notice.

Here, there are no walls or border guards, just miles of dunes and Gulf coast beaches marked only by simple wooden huts or awnings held up by sticks.

The only highway ends abruptly in a handful of structures populated by beachgoers looking for alcohol and fishermen who might catch sharks one day and unload cocaine the next.

On the U.S. side, there is not much more besides a single Customs and Border Protection checkpoint, a gun store complete with a shooting range, and a SpaceX hangar where some rockets that might reach Mars are being tested. The nearest city of Brownsville, Texas is 25 miles (40 kilometers) away.

Where the two countries meet lies an expanse of water perhaps 25 yards (23 meters) wide, so shallow that you could walk across at low tide, but few people do.

The reason it's kept under wraps is simple: Cartels tend to use these coastal plains for purposes like transporting drugs — or as the DEA notes, dumping bodies clandestinely. And they put a premium at keeping mi-



In this Aug. 2, 2019 photo, seagulls fly over food trucks in Playa Bagdad close to the mouth of the Rio Grande, near the border city of Matamoros, Mexico.

Associated Press

grants away.

"They want to keep the heat off this spot," said Marco Antonio Álvarez, a rail-thin old man with a greying beard and leather-like skin toughened by the sun.

Álvarez, who spent time in U.S. jails for migrant smuggling, says he still gets paid \$300 per month — he won't say by whom — to watch the expanse of water and two boats.

"If people start crossing the river, you start seeing (CBP) patrol vehicles show up on the other side," said Álvarez, who usually sits sheltered from the sun in the shade of an old plywood camper that once served as a seafood stand.

Playa Bagdad appeared on maps in 1848, when the border was drawn during the Mexico-American War. Later, it became the seaport for cotton produced in Texas during the Civil War. The origin of the settlement's name is lost to the annals of history. A ship might have run aground and been looted there, a scene that might have reminded some of the "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves." Or the person who named it might have been a fan of "The 1,001 and Nights."

Mike Vigil, a former DEA operation chief, remembered

one story which maintains that the U.S. Army might have stationed some camels at Playa Bagdad during its experiments with those animals in the 19th century. But contraband has always been here in one form or another. Centuries back, silver was trafficked through. During Prohibition, alcohol could be procured. And in the 1980s and 1990s, it was marijuana and Colombian cocaine that made its way across.

DEA Special Agent Sammy Parks said Playa Bagdad is now a center for loading and unloading drugs bound for the U.S. market. "It is a short, easy route without much law enforcement," added Vigil.

Of the 1,215 members of the National Guard that Mexico has deployed to Tamaulipas, none are seen in Playa Bagdad. They are mainly in the conflictive border cities further west along the Rio Grande Valley.

Three decades ago, people like Álvarez combined fishing with small-scale migrant smuggling, guiding people across to Brownsville for \$20 per head. That all ended in the 1980s and 1990s.

"When they started to sell crack, you couldn't do

business anymore because everything was controlled by the mafia," Álvarez said. The city of Matamoros, whose territory covers Playa Bagdad, touts the beach as a great tourist destination. But Álvarez said that drug cartels completely control it.

"You have to pay them a quota and get their permission," he notes.

For years, the violent state of Tamaulipas, where Playa Bagdad is located, has been ruled by silence and fear, and the state government itself is suspected of having been infiltrated by drug gangs, with two former governors currently on trial on corruption charges. One of the key drug-cartels operating in the area is the now-splintered Gulf Cartel. In 2000, the Gulf Cartel's armed enforcement wing, The Zetas, split and began an all-out offensive. The Zetas later split themselves again, but still control the westernmost part of the state, while the Gulf Cartel has also splintered and controls the east.

The federal government did not respond to requests for comment, although the current state government headed by an opposition-party governor says it is

actively collaborating with U.S. and Mexican federal authorities to combat cartels, often by sharing information.

These days though, the only law enforcement The Associated Press saw were four state police officers who rode through quickly on two ATVs and just as quickly left.

According to the DEA, small fishing boats load drugs in Playa Bagdad and run it up the coast to Padre Island, in Texas. Other boats are known to drop off goods which are then loaded onto vehicles and taken into the U.S. by highway.

Some of the border crossings themselves are under de facto cartel control on the Mexican side.

One man who was fishing with friends at the mouth of the Rio Grande, recalled seeing a would-be border crosser who cartel gunmen brought back from the river between the two countries at gunpoint.

"They pointed guns at him and brought him back," he said. "If you want to cross, it is with them."

He was one of the few who were willing to talk, and even then, the conversation died down every time a boat passed. "You never know who is listening," said the man, declining to give his name.

There are more than 6,000 disappeared persons in Tamaulipas alone.

"Mass graves have been discovered in the Playa Baghdad area, and there's a local threat about being 'taken to the beach,' which implies someone will disappear," said Parks, the DEA agent.

The only official presence is a sandbag guard post on the highway between Playa Bagdad and Matamoros, although locals protested at the post this month, saying it was only used to demand bribes.

For Álvarez, "the Guard" doesn't mean President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's National Guard either. Instead it means "former soldiers, marines and police who report to the gangs." □

LOCAL



EAGLE BEACH — Casa del Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare offers you paradise: stay in a wonderful, oceanfront location or poolside timeshare suites with a world of amenities that include a spa, a restaurant, and a fitness center. At this moment, the resort is undergoing a refurbishment of their façade, as well as the interior of the suites. Jacqueline Winklaar is the woman behind the make-over.

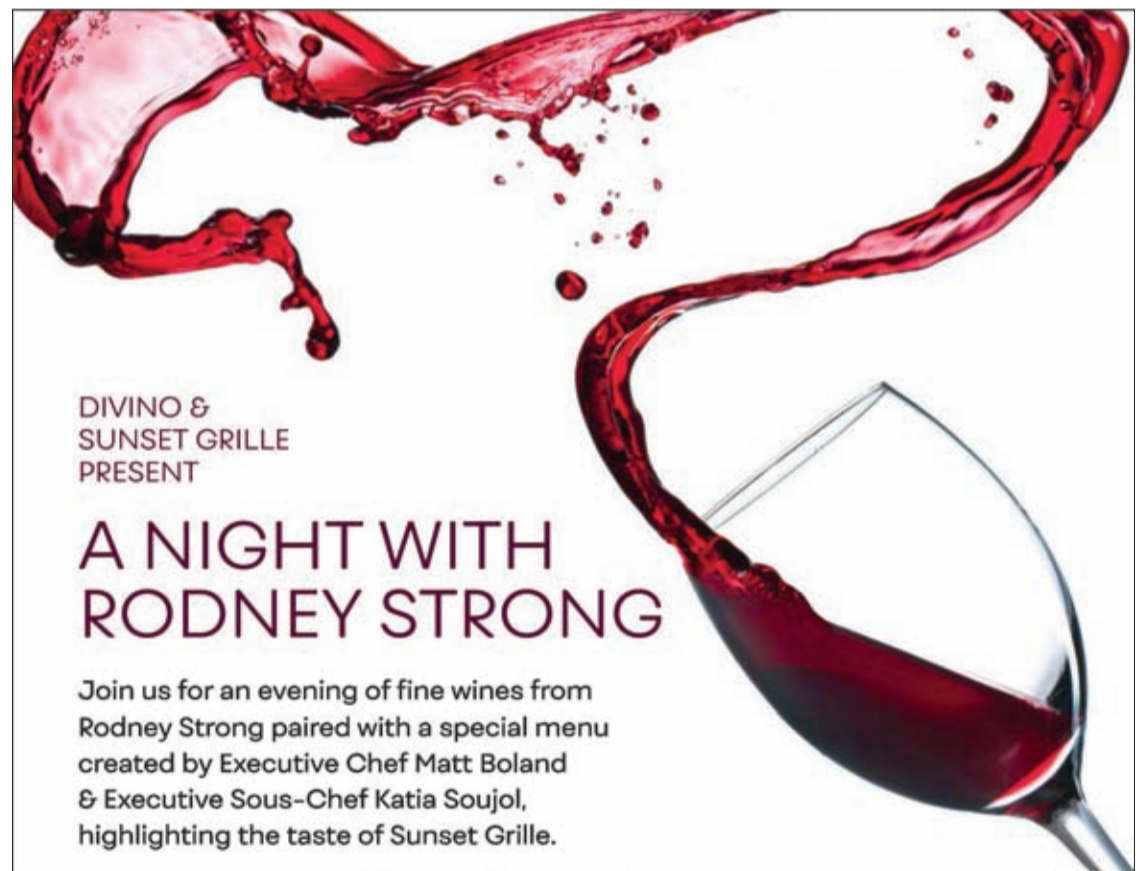
She is a strong and confident woman amidst a team of six-muscled men_ a necessity when it comes to replacing old furniture and appliances. The logistics, another challenge, is all managed by Jacqueline and her crew. "When the containers come in I am ready to go and the guys take out the stuff. Then we divide the boxes over the different floors. When we finish that we enter each room and put all in place." Sometimes they take one block, other times a complete floor. "It depends on what is brought in by the containers and also on the vacancy. We need to make sure not to block elevators or have too many boxes in the hallways as that will disturb our guests and we do not want that." In the past two months, Jacqueline and her team have managed to do 65% of all the suites.

Happy Guests

There is brand new furniture and appliances. Was it necessary? Yes, said the management and also Jacqueline. "In my opinion we needed a fresh look. The resort is more than 30 years old and during the years the interior style got a bit old fashioned." Now, all the suites are in the same modern style with tropical warmth. The organizing of this renovation takes some effort as the Casa del Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare did its upmost not to disturb the guests too much. Jacqueline: "The guests are informed ahead so they know when my team enters the room for some time to switch the furniture and appliances. It is a more than pleasant surprise when they come back and find their made-over suite." She says most guests are so excited and happy, like in those TV-shows you watch the before-and-after stages. The suites can be vacant or occupied; Jacqueline needs to work around it. "Some guests are so happy that they even stay in to help, you can see many guests wished for these changes." □



New Face for Casa del Mar Beach Resort & Timeshare

DIVINO & SUNSET GRILLE PRESENT

A NIGHT WITH RODNEY STRONG



Join us for an evening of fine wines from Rodney Strong paired with a special menu created by Executive Chef Matt Boland & Executive Sous-Chef Katia Soujol, highlighting the taste of Sunset Grille.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

6:30PM – 7:00PM | Welcome Reception at Mira Solo
7:00PM – 8:30PM | Wine Pairing Dinner at Sunset Grille

\$99 PER PERSON | LIMITED SEATING

For more event details or RSVP contact
Shareska.gutierrez@hilton.com or call 526 6005.

HILTON ARUBA CARIBBEAN RESORT & CASINO
J.E. Isausquin Blvd. 81 | Palm Beach, Aruba
ArubaHilton.com | @HiltonAruba | #HiltonAruba



Taking STEM to the Next Level

MAASTRICHT — Continuing the dialogue on the synergy between the Aruban creative industry and knowledge economy, it is important to share some possible conceptual frameworks that might help people understand how these two economies could work together in fostering creativity, knowledge and innovation. Over these past months I have discussed how the development of creativity, knowledge, and innovation should start when one is young, and should have a firm bases in Aruba's education system. With the implementation of Aruba's first STEM faculty at the UA, should we not think about how we can maximize the participation of students by laying a foundation for them in elementary and middle school? Well, there is one way this can be achieved: the STEAM model.

STEAM - what and why?

For those who are not familiar with STEAM, it is an educational approach that incorporates the arts into the more-familiar Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics "STEM" model. This way STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) programs can include any of the visual or performing arts, such as dance, design, painting, photography and writing. Since the emergence of the knowledge economy in the 20th century, the focus has been on STEM fields and education taking into account the ongoing shortage of technology workers during that time. Since then, globally, governments have invested heavily in STEM education and its promotion, and has now made its way in Aruba with the start of the SISSTEM faculty at the University of Aruba. The increasing emphasis on obtaining STEM skills has inescapably led to decreased emphasis on other subjects in the arts and humanities, resulting in decreased funding for them while students have fewer arts-related options. Overall, studies have shown that the reintegration of art and design into education increases the happiness and well-being of students. Also, from a business perspective, the major benefits include better problem-solving skills and increased creativity and innovation. Considering the vision of the current Aruban Government, the integration of arts into STEM education and fields may also help encourage more participation by women in what have been male-dominated areas.



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING • ART • MATHEMATICS



STEAM education originated from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

education, which was originally proposed by the American University of Virginia scholar Georgette Yakman in the study of comprehensive education, whose purpose is to strengthen the United States (US) K-12 education in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (Wang et. al, 2018). The major fall back from the STEM is that our economy requires so much more than an understanding of science, technology, engineering and math. It requires application, creation and ingenuity to be able to innovate, and STEM alone does not foster these essential nutrients. The STEAM model aims to use the benefits of STEM and complete the package by integrating these principles in and through the arts. This way STEAM takes STEM to the next level by allowing students to connect their learning in these critical areas together with arts practices, elements, design principles, and standards to provide the whole pallet of learning at their disposal. Also, STEAM removes limitations and replaces them with wonder, creativity, critique, inquiry, and innovation.

problems such as 1. Severe population load, 2. Economic transition, and 3. A lack of educational measures. One of the root causes of these problems is the shortage of innovative talents which has been the case for Aruba. According to Wang, Xo, and Guo (2018) "with a multidisciplinary fusion feature, STEAM education focuses on cultivating students' innovative capability and engineering literacy. It has a great advantage in dealing with the three key issues stated above" (p.2). In this paper, just like China, Aruba's population is increasing, faces a lack in innovative economies, and experiences a shortage of innovative talent and brain drain. "Innovative talent is the key to the core competitiveness of the country. Although the United States ranks first in terms of comprehensive innovation capability, it still puts forward a STEAM education strategy that is committed to improving citizens' innovative practice" (p.3). In the Caribbean according to the STEAM Educational Movement founded in 2006, there are currently STEAM programs and educators being provided in the British Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas.

The primordial reason why STEAM education could be a hit on the island lies in its diverse nature. In the process of future sustainable development, human society faces

Continued on Page 15

2,000,000 SUMMER POINT GIVEAWAY

JULY 1 TO AUGUST 31

Win your share of \$20,000 in points!

20 WINNERS EACH DAY

You can win up to \$100 in Points!

Swipe and play free once daily. Earn 100 Slot Points or 8 Table Credits and play again – up to 5X each day

See Players' Club for full rules. Points can be converted to Free Slot Play.

BONUS BINGO THURSDAY!

Bonus 4-Card BINGO starting at 1pm!

\$7 for 4-Card BINGO | 8 Games to Play

\$1,500 in
Cash Prizes!

SPECIAL PROGRESSIVE GAME

Plus \$500 Cash Prize in our Monthly
Early Bird Drawing.

THE SHOPS AT ALHAMBRA CASINO

Offering a wide variety of
Retail & Dining Outlets,
Salon & Spa Services,
Souvenirs and more.

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 10am to 4am | J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47

583.5000 | casinoalhambra.com

Taking STEM to the Next Level

Continued from Page 14

STEAM on Aruba?

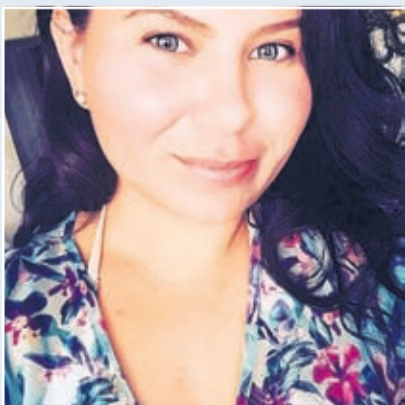
During the summer break I took notice of the innovation camp organized by FUTURA where local kids had the opportunity to interact in an innovative, creative and knowledge friendly space with the intention of introducing them to the world of STEM. Interestingly, in the Education Policy 2030, the Aruban Government confirmed their vision of shifting the Aruban education system to a more inclusive, diverse, multi-lingual approach so it can sustain the vision of Aruba to become more innovative. My ques-

tion is: why not multi-disciplinary? Since this is the most important aspect of innovative education. By putting such great importance on STEM subjects you will eventually exclude students of developing other capabilities that will complement the more technical skills or you can exclude more "creative and artistic" students of innovating. It would be interesting for education policy makers, educators, and other relevant stakeholders to consider analyzing how the US is using the STEAM program within their curriculum and who this could be translated to the Aruban context. Aruba has so much creativ-



ity to offer the world, so let's start young and equipping our students with the most versatile and resilient framework currently in the world known to encourage innovation in communities. For sure in future column I will break down the STEAM

model further, but for now, just know that the synergy between the creative industry and knowledge economy could offer Aruba a lot more than just socio-economic development, it can truly inspire innovation. □



Biography – Currently, Thaïs Franken is a 23-year-old Aruban student at the University of Maastricht (UM). She is studying a Master of Science in Public Policy and Human Development in collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU). Back home, on the beautiful island of Aruba she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Organization, Governance & Management (OGM) at the University of Aruba (UA). She successfully graduated and defended her thesis titled "Placing Culture and Creativity at the Heart of the Aruban Sustainable Development" on July 6th 2018. Thaïs is very passionate about topics such as sustainability, innovation, culture and creativity. Next to her academic interests, she enjoys reading, writing, dancing and cooking.

A Tasty Show



PALM BEACH — Super Center Ling & Sons throws a unique all-day event at September 26th in the Marriott Grand Ballroom. The Food Show 2019 presents the most delicious and exquisite fruits, veggies, brands, breads, cheeses, wines and much more. Everyone in the food business- hotels, retailers, restaurants, event planners, catering, chefs and other businesses are welcome to visit the food show between 10 AM and 6 PM and get to know everything Ling & Sons has to offer, also with regards to wholesale.

Last year was the first time Ling & Sons organized the event and it was an instant success. Marlenne Maduro, Marketing & PR Manager, told us the show was highly appreciated by the visitors. "We have chosen to show what quality we have in-house and to what extend Ling & Sons can go with regards to variety and quality of our products." And that extend is far enough. The #1 supercenter is standing strong for more than 50 years already offering the best quality, service and innovation. As a matter of fact Ling & Sons is undergoing a complete renovation which is in its last phase only to stay on the ball of the newest developments in supercenter land.

The culinary event Food Show will tickle the taste buds of food lovers and showcase the potential of Ling & Sons. Romar Trading will be present to offer their assortment of distinguished wines and beers. Besides this there is the fantastic opportunity to win tickets for a culinary travel to Miami.

To participate in the campaign is easy enough:

1. Shop at Ling & Sons for 50 Florin or more
2. Visit the Food Show at Thursday September 26 and receive your ticket to participate
3. Visit the show for business and receive your ticket to participate

At the end of the Food Show Ling & Sons will announce the winners of the culinary trip to Miami. □

For more information please contact the marketing department at telephone: +297 521 2370 or email mmaduro@lingiga.com. The website www.lingandsons.com and Ling & Sons Facebook/Instagram will also give you more insight.



HELP US HELP THEM BY BECOMING A FLIGHT VOLUNTEER!



Sgt. Pepper's Friends is a non profit organization based in Aruba. As most of our rescues are adopted to the USA and Canada, we are always looking for flight volunteers to help bring our rescues home. This process is very easy and rewarding! We arrange everything, from booking and paying for the rescue on your flight, to meeting you at the airport with the dog or cat and its papers, supplies and connect you with the adoptive family who will be waiting for you at baggage claim upon arrival. Please email us your flight date, airline and schedule should you want to help bring one of our rescues to their forever home. You can also fill in our flight volunteer form on our website under "Get involved": <http://www.sgtpeppersfriends.com/flight-volunteer-form/>

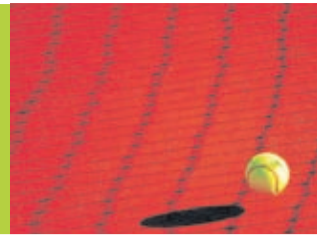


We promise you that transporting is a very rewarding experience and one of the most valuable ways to make a difference.

Email: info@sgtpeppersfriends.com
Website: www.sgtpeppersfriends.com
Instagram: @sgtpeppersfriends
Facebook: Sgt. Pepper's Friends



SPORTS



Top women's hockey players announce series of tournaments

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Hockey Writer

Growing up, Kendall Coyne Schofield recalled how her dreams of playing hockey ended at college, or maybe the Winter Games — something the two-time U.S. Olympian forward eventually would achieve.

Playing professionally was never part of the equation, which is something Coyne Schofield remembers once mentioning to former American star Cammi Granato, noting how girls can only win gold medals while boys can win Stanley Cups.

"You always grow up and hear boys say, 'I want to be a pro hockey player one day.' You don't hear little girls saying that. They say, 'I want to go to the Olympics,'" Coyne told The Associated Press by phone Tuesday. "That's the pinnacle of our sport. I can't make a living playing this sport. ... So when I graduate college, I either go to the Olympic Games or get a job."

Coyne Schofield and more than 200 of the world's top female players who have pledged to not compete in North America this season are determined to change that notion.

They're launching what's being called "The Dream Gap Tour," announced by the newly formed Professional Women's Hockey Players' Association on Wednesday. The gap represents the missing link young girls have in their dreams of ever playing professionally.

Continued on Next Page



RALLY CRY

Set down at start again, Federer not eyeing changes at Open

Roger Federer, of Switzerland, returns a shot to Damir Dzumhur, of Bosnia, during the second round of the US Open tennis championships Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, in New York.

Continued from Previous Page

The tour's first stop will be in Toronto from Sept. 20-22, followed by an event in Hudson, New Hampshire, on Oct. 4-6 and Chicago on Oct. 18-20. The union also announced its members will play exhibition games against Boston College on Sept. 21 and against the Sharks alumni in San Jose on Sept. 22.

Additional tour stops are being considered but not yet finalized, including Southern California and Buffalo, New York. Among the sponsors already on board are Adidas, and the players are also backed by Billie Jean King Enterprises.

The stops will feature about 80 players split into four teams playing a three-game round-robin tournament followed by a championship game, and include youth clinics.

It's essentially a barn-storming tour made up of PWH-PA members seeking to bring the sports' stakeholders — including the NHL, USA Hockey and Hockey Canada — to the table to establish a single league with a sustainable economic model, featuring the world's top talent, and pay a livable wage and include health care.

The boycott and the union were born out of the demise of the Canadian Women's Hockey League, which folded due to financial reasons last spring. That left the U.S.-based, five-team National Women's Hockey

League as North America's only pro women's league. It is privately backed and has endured financial struggles since being established in 2015.

The tour is considered the union's coming-out party, and feature players wearing jerseys with PWHPA logos.

"We're not talking about millions of dollars here. We just want to be able live and train full time, and see how far we can take this game," said defenseman Alyssa Gagliardi, who has played in both the CWHL and NWHL. "For so long, it's only been limited to the girls on the national team that can truly do that full time, so this is kind of broadening that."

Growing up in Raleigh, North Carolina, Gagliardi had no role models to look up to except for tuning in to the Winter Games every four years. She's looking forward to making a positive impression on young female hockey players during the tour.

"This is what we're fighting for," Gagliardi said. "I think we want to really make sure this stays with them for the rest of their lives, and by the time they're graduating college there's a place for them to play."

Billie Jean King entered the picture to provide guidance. On Monday, she was joined by five female hockey Olympians, including Coyne Schofield, at the U.S. Open, where they



In this Feb. 22, 2018, file photo, United States' Kendall Coyne Schofield, left, and Hilary Knight celebrate after winning the women's gold medal hockey game against Canada at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea.

Associated Press

posed for a picture posted on King's Twitter account hinting at the Dream Gap Tour announcement.

Having blazed a trail in starting women's professional tennis in 1970, King sees an overlap in other sports.

"We envisioned a world where any girl, if she is good enough would have a place to compete, would be appreciated for her skills and accomplishments, and could make a living playing professional tennis," King said. "Today, almost 50 years later, the women of professional hockey, soccer and other sports are facing the same situation, and our vision has

not changed. Everyone should be able to have the dream and the opportunity to earn a living playing the sport they love."

Coyne Schofield was so excited to meet King that she took in her exhibit at Arthur Ashe Stadium and even bought a King doll at the gift shop.

King's message, however, is what resonated most.

"She always says, 'If you see it, you can be it,'" Coyne Schofield said, reflecting on watching Serena Williams compete and seeing the picture of the original nine professional tennis players including King who formed the first women's tour. "For me, that was the moment

when I saw it. She built this and we're literally living in it. And you know what, we have the opportunity to do that."

She said it's long past time the best female players from around the world have the opportunity to showcase their talents in one league.

"We can't just keep accepting the fact that we're grateful for an opportunity (of playing professionally)," Coyne Schofield said. "We're done being grateful, and we need to stand up for what we know is right. Because if we don't stand up today and fight for what's right, we're setting up the future to fail." □

Prep sports participation drops, led by decline in football



Paradise High School running back Lukas Hartley runs down field during the first half of their game against Williams High School in Paradise, Calif., Friday, Aug. 23, 2019.

Associated Press

By The Associated Press

Led by a decline in football for the fifth straight year,

participation in U.S. high school sports dropped in 2018-19 for the first time in

30 years, according to an annual survey conducted by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

The 2018-19 total of 7,937,491 participants was a decline of 43,395 from the 2017-18 school year, when the number of participants in high school sports reached a record high of 7,980,886.

The last decline in sports participation numbers occurred during the 1988-89 school year.

The group said 11-man football dropped by 30,829 to 1,006,013, the lowest mark since the 1999-2000 school year. It was the fifth

consecutive year of declining football participation.

"We know from recent surveys that the number of kids involved in youth sports has been declining, and a decline in the number of public school students has been predicted for a number of years, so we knew our 'streak' might end someday," said Karissa Niehoff, NFHS executive director. "The data from this year's survey serves as a reminder that we have to work even harder in the coming years to involve more students in these vital programs — not only athletics but performing arts programs as well." Although the number

of participants in boys' 11-player football dropped, the number of schools offering the sport remained steady. The survey indicated that 14,247 schools offer 11-player football, an increase of 168 from last year. A comparison of the figures from the past two years indicates the average number of boys involved in 11-player football on a per-school basis dropped from 73 to 70, which includes freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

"The survey certainly confirms that schools are not dropping the sport of football, which is great news," Niehoff said. □

Federer rallies again, Svitolina beats Venus at U.S. Open

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer looked up at the Arthur Ashe Stadium scoreboard and for the second time in three days saw it lit up with a strange sight.

It showed Federer down a set to a player ranked far below him.

The five-time champion came back again, beating Damir Dzhumhur 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 on Wednesday to reach the third round of the U.S. Open.

With rain affecting play in Flushing Meadows for the first time in the tournament, only the matches on Ashe and Louis Armstrong Stadium, which also has a retractable roof, were able to be played in the early afternoon.

The covered conditions were no help at the start to Federer, though he couldn't quite explain why. "I don't have an answer to you," he said. "It's just poor ball striking in the beginning."

No. 5 seed Elina Svitolina beat two-time U.S. Open champion Venus Williams 6-4, 6-4 on Armstrong. Other winners included No. 3 Karolina Pliskova, who beat qualifier Mariam Bolkvadze 6-1, 6-4; and Kei Nishikori, the 2014 men's runner-up at the U.S. Open who beat Bradley Klahn 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Federer had a night match on the opening day of the tournament, dropping the first set against qualifier Sumit Nagal before winning in four sets. It was another slow start Wednesday against Dzhumhur, whose No. 99 ranking was just good enough for direct entry into the final major of the season.

Federer, winner of a men's record 20 Grand Slam singles titles, was a little frustrated but not entirely surprised.

"I mean, look, I got exactly what I expected from both guys," Federer said. "I knew what Nagal was going to give me. I knew what Dzhumhur was going to give

me. But I didn't expect to hit 15 to 20 unforced errors, which is basically in the entire set just sort of donated. But look, they came out and they were well prepared and got me to do that. But I clearly have to play better from the get-go."

Williams had trouble herself at the start, and her team hoped some caffeine would be the pick-me-up she needed against Svitolina. So a cup of coffee was delivered after the set to a ballboy, who tried to bring it to Williams. But she walked off to the court back into the tunnel before he could get it to her, so he eventually dropped it off next to her seat.

Williams then came back to take a 3-0 lead to start the second.

But having to save four break points for a tough hold in that third game seemed to take something out of the 39-year-old Williams, as Svitolina came right back to take five straight games for a 5-3 lead.

"I had to stay very focused," Svitolina said.

"I was expecting that she would raise her level."

Williams did, fighting off five match points in a 22-point game to hold her serve before Svitolina eventually ended it on her sixth chance, improving to 13-3 in Grand Slam matches this season.

All doubles matches were canceled Wednesday and plenty else had to be adjusted because of the weather.

Nishikori, a finalist at Flushing Meadows in 2014, relied on his strong baseline retrieving game against the hard-serving Klahn, a former NCAA champion at Stanford. But Nishikori appeared to struggle at times, getting only half his first serves in and throwing in a double fault on a break point to help Klahn come back from 5-1 down to tie the fourth set. Four match points slipped away down the stretch before Nishikori

prevailed.

"A little bit of lost focus," he said after the match.

Off the court, No. 12 Borna Coric pulled out the tournament with a lower back strain, giving a second-round walkover to Grigor Dimitrov. That adds to a growing list of men's seeds who are out, including No. 4 Dominic Thiem, No. 8 Stefanos Tsitsipas, No. 9 Karen Khachanov and No. 10 Roberto Bautista Agut, who were all upset Tuesday.

Key night matches still to come include Djokovic against 56th-ranked Juan Ignacio Londero, and Serena Williams taking on 17-year-old American Caty McNally. □



Venus Williams, of the United States, reacts after losing a point to Elina Svitolina, of Ukraine, during the second round of the US Open tennis championships Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

THE ONLY AND AUTHENTIC MEXICAN RESTAURANT IN ARUBA!

Experience the Best Mexican Food, Drinks and Fiesta in the Caribbean!

OPEN 7 days a week From 5:00 p.m. until...

FREE Appetizer and shot with your dinner!

CHIHUAHUA'S FIESTA & GRILL ARUBA

For Reservations: 00297-5867070 00297-7427387

Located: South Beach Center (Behind Hooters)

tripadvisor

Like us on facebook

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood!

Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: Hook and Cook your Own Fish!



Oranjestad- Renaissance Marina Downtown is home to the Driftwood Fishing Charters, the successful fishermen of the established seafood restaurant Driftwood. Herby senior and Herby Junior both share a passion and love for fishing. They know what the local waters have to offer and what fresh fish really means. Over 30 years ago, the idea for the fishing charter was born.

Captain Herby would catch the fish to be served at the restaurant the same day. That concept still lives, what is 'hooked' during the day is cooked in the evening at the restaurant.

Herby shares his experience with his crew, who take out guests daily on their tournament rigged 35ft twin engine

Bertram "Driftwood" or on their more spacious 37ft twin engine Bertram called "Living Easy". Both yachts are available for charters from 8am to 12 noon, or from 1 to 5pm (6-hour trips also available). To book a fishing charter visit www.driftwoodfishingcharters.com or call Herbert direct at (297)-5924040.



Have an authentic seafood dining experience at Driftwood Restaurant, situated in the characteristic downtown Oranjestad. This comfortable downtown restaurant has a long tradition (30 years) of serving the freshest fish, the biggest shrimp, and the most succulent Caribbean Lobster.

Opening Hours: 5:00pm to 10:30pm (closed on Sundays)

For reservations visit www.driftwoodaruba.com or call (297)-5832515

Address: Klipstraat 12. Oranjestad, Aruba

Career change for Carli Lloyd? How about the NFL?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Fresh off the United States' victory in the Women's World Cup, could Carli Lloyd be entertaining thoughts about a career change?

The 37-year-old soccer star nailed a 55-yard field goal during a joint practice between the Philadelphia Eagles and Baltimore Ravens last week. And on Wednesday she was peppered with questions about a possible NFL future.

"It's gone from just having fun kicking to, 'Will she play in the NFL?' At first I was just laughing about it but the more that I spoke with my husband, he's all for it and my friends and family, they're really encouraging me to potentially take up this opportunity," said Lloyd, who is in Philadelphia with the national team for a victory tour match against Portugal on Thursday night. It's not the first time she's hit a long field goal. During the World Cup qualifying tour-



Baltimore Ravens' Sam Koch holds the ball for United States soccer player Carli Lloyd as she attempts to kick a field goal after the Philadelphia Eagles and the Baltimore Ravens held a joint NFL football practice in Philadelphia, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019.

Associated Press

nament last fall, she got a 45-yarder at the Cowboys' practice facility in Texas.

Lloyd is well known for her kicking ability. In the World Cup title match in 2015, Lloyd scored three goals including a blast from mid-

field to give the United States a 5-2 victory over Japan.

But she acknowledged that kicking in the NFL is very, very different from scoring from 50-yards out — like wearing pads and facing

300-pound opponents.

"You can't really touch a kicker, but it happens. I'm not naive to that. But there is that part of it, no doubt. And there's challenges as far as being with all males and the locker room and there's a whole range of things, and I get that," she said. "But I'm not afraid to step up in front of the whole world and actually do it." Indianapolis Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri, a veteran of five Super Bowls, said earlier this week that he thought Lloyd's kick was "pretty cool."

But like Lloyd, he also said it's one thing to kick in practice, and another to perform in a game.

"For you to go out and hit a ball without a rush and a snap and a hold and no get-off time and stuff, it's different than doing live stuff," Vinatieri said. "But I saw it, it was pretty impressive how far she kicked the ball."

U.S. coach Jill Ellis, who is stepping down from the team following the victory tour, joked when asked about it: "Did you hear the next one that I'm going to be her agent?"

Ellis said if any woman could break into the NFL, it would be Lloyd.

"When I first came on the scene, I saw Carli Lloyd strike a ball and I said, 'Holy crap that's the hardest I've ever seen a woman hit a ball,'" Ellis said.

"She certainly has the velocity, and I think it's very cool. I think it would be great." □



Tight ends are evolving as pass-catching threats

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The day before Tony Gonzalez was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame earlier this month, he was asked about being a something of a pioneer at tight end. A guy who changed his position — and the game itself.

Gonzalez sort of shrugged. "I guess everyone is doing it now," he admitted of tight ends being used in a manner that Gonzalez didn't exactly invent, but certainly perfected.

The pass-happy, vertical-stretching NFL is shifting away from relying heavily on formations with one tight end in a three-point stance. Instead, many teams feature offenses with one tight end next to a tackle on the line while sending a tight end to the slot or spread out even wider in some formations.

Star tight end Jason Witten, who returned to the Cowboys after one year working on "Monday Night Football," said Gonzalez, whose 17-year career ended in 2003, changed things with his route-running and pass-catching skills at the position.

"Gonzalez kind of paved the way of my generation of, 'All right, this is a mismatch,'" said Witten, who will get strong consideration to join Gonzalez in Canton one day.

Two of the best active tight ends are coming off record-breaking seasons, and another one just had the best year of his career. Eagles star Zach Ertz made 116 receptions, a single-season mark by a tight end.

San Francisco tight end George Kittle had 1,377 yards receiving, setting another single-season record at the position.

Two-time All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce was spectacular as well, setting career highs in catches (103), yards receiving (1,336) and touchdowns (10) last season.

The 25-year-old Kittle keeps track of peers on his iPad, studying every move made by most of the starting tight ends. He takes a particularly close look at how the 29-year-old Kelce and 28-year-old Ertz are perhaps the best in the business at the position.

"I just try to pull stuff from them," Kittle said. "Ertz and Kelce are two of the top guys in the league, so if I can learn something from them, I can get to that level, too."

The best tight ends these days are too fast for linebackers to defend, and too big for defensive backs to cover. Teams often are sending tight ends on vertical routes, forcing safeties to run with them and leaving cornerbacks isolated on receivers to create deep problems for defenses.

Titans tight end Delanie Walker, entering his 14th season, has noticed players at his position have become more like wide receivers.

"Guys aren't blocking," Walker said. "You don't see the traditional tight end on the end of the line anymore. If he's a star, he's usually in the slot catching passes. That's a difference from 10 years ago."

Even though tight ends are often lined up on the out-



In this Oct. 21, 2018, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles tight end Zach Ertz, right, makes a catch against Carolina Panthers free safety Mike Adams during the first half of an NFL football game in Philadelphia. Eagles star Zach Ertz made 116 receptions, a new mark for by a tight end.

Associated Press

side, Saints coach Sean Payton said players at the position who can also block near the line of scrimmage will always be valued because of the importance they can have in the running game.

"The ones that end up in the Hall of Fame are probably guys that did both pretty well," Payton said.

Rob Gronkowski excelled at catching and blocking for New England during his nine-year career, which ended with his retirement last spring. Lions coach Matt Patricia saw Gronkowski's impact up close for eight seasons and has witnessed the evolution of how multiple tight ends are deployed on any given snap.

"That's probably one of the bigger changes that has happened in the game

throughout the past 15 years," Patricia said.

When Patricia was starting his NFL coaching career, he saw a lot of two-back, two-receiver formations with one tight end with his hand in the dirt or turf. As the game has changed, Patricia sees more schemes putting two tight ends on the field — usually one in place of a fullback — to take advantage of their ability to make plays in space with two receivers and one running back as part of the formation.

"Where the game has really evolved and changed is where those tight ends have much more of a wide receiver skillset," Patricia said.

It's not exactly unheard of to have such players. Kellen Winslow, Charlie Sanders and Shannon Sharpe

are in the Hall of Fame — and not for their blocking acumen.

Desperate to add a difference-making player at the position, Detroit drafted T.J. Hockenson with the No. 8 pick overall in April. That was the earliest a tight end has been selected since San Francisco took Vernon Davis sixth overall in 2006.

The Lions weren't alone in April, making a first-round investment in a tight end who was a teammate of Hockenson's at Iowa. The Broncos drafted Noah Fant in the first round, taking a pair of tight ends off the board in the first 20 picks for the first time since the league went to 32 teams in 2002.

And yes, both from the same school, because pass-catching tight ends are so in vogue. □

Madrazo wins 5th stage, Lopez takes overall lead in Vuelta

ARCOS DE LAS SALINAS, Spain (AP) — Defying his team's advice to save energy, Angel Madrazo kept pushing hard on the final climb to win the fifth stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Wednesday, while Miguel Angel Lopez used a late charge to take the overall lead. Madrazo broke free in the

final 500 meters (547 yards) of the 170-kilometer (105-mile) stage, which ended on a mountain top by an astronomical observatory in the city of Arcos de las Salinas.

"To win here is one of the biggest achievements as a cyclist and for me it's become a dream come true," the Spanish rider

said. "The team was telling me to save energy for tomorrow, for the mountain points. And I told them, 'No, no, we need to go for it, we can't put off until tomorrow what can be done today.'"

The rider from team Burgos-BH had stayed near the front throughout the final kilometers (miles) in

a breakaway group that included teammate Jetse Bol and José Herrada of team Cofidis. Bol crossed the line in second place, 10 seconds off the lead, with Herrada coming in 12 seconds later.

"I wanted to win myself, but when a teammate wins, and it happens the way it did, it just feels incred-

ible," Bol said. "Madrazo was dropping and coming back the whole time but when he attacked he was gone for good. It was impressive."

Lopez, a Colombian from Astana Pro Team, finished fourth in the stage, 47 seconds behind Madrazo. Alejandro Valverde, of Movistar Team, was fifth. □

Marcus Semien helps A's beat Royals 2-1

By The Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Marcus Semien provided just enough early offense and Mike Fiers and three Oakland relievers combined to shut down the Kansas City Royals in a 2-1 victory Tuesday night.

Semien scored in the first inning and drove in a run in the second. That was all the offense the A's pitchers needed one day after Oakland had a season-high 19 runs.

Fiers (13-3) scattered eight hits in his 5 1/3 innings, but allowed just Alex Gordon's RBI double in the sixth. He's now won 11 straight decisions, dating to May 7, tying Mark Mulder for the second-longest winning streak in Oakland history.

Mike Montgomery (3-7) surrendered an unearned run in the first and another run in the second, but gave up nothing else through 6 1/3 innings.

ASTROS 15, RAYS 1
HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie Yordan Alvarez homered twice as Houston jumped on former teammate Charlie Morton to build a big lead before Justin Verlander was ejected in the sixth inning.

The Astros honored Morton (13-6) with a pregame video recounting the highlights of his two-year stint with the team. Houston's hitters didn't give Morton nearly as warm of a reception in his first trip to Minute Maid Park since signing with the Rays. The Astros tagged him for seven hits and a season-high six runs in four innings, which tied his shortest start this season.

Verlander (16-5) was ejected for yelling at home plate umpire Pat Hoberg in the sixth. He became upset when he thought he struck out Tommy Pham, but the pitch was called a ball.

The Rays got their only run on Joey Wendle's first hom-

er of the season in the seventh.

BLUE JAYS 3, BRAVES 1
TORONTO (AP) — Justin Smoak homered and drove in two runs, leading Toronto to the victory.

Smoak hit an RBI single off Mike Soroka (10-3) in a two-run first, and added his 20th homer in the seventh against Sean Newcomb.

The NL East-leading Braves lost their second straight following an eight-game winning streak that matched a season high. They managed just four runs while playing in New York, Colorado and Toronto in a span of three days.

Former Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson went 0 for 4 in his first game back in Toronto.

Zack Godley (4-5) pitched three innings for the win. Ken Giles, the seventh Toronto pitcher, got three outs for his 17th save.

TWINS 3, WHITE SOX 1
CHICAGO (AP) — Marwin Gonzalez and Jonathan Schoop hit solo homers in the second inning, and Michael Pineda pitched five sharp innings to lead Minnesota.

Eddie Rosario knocked in an insurance run in the eighth as the AL Central-leading Twins won their third straight to remain 3 1/2 games ahead of Cleveland. Minnesota (80-51) moved to 29 games above .500 for the first time since Sept. 26, 2010.

Tim Anderson's 14th homer accounted for the only run off Pineda (10-5), who won his third straight start and fourth straight decision. The right-hander allowed four hits and walked one while striking out eight, but was replaced by Sam Dyson to start the sixth after 89 pitches.

Tyler Duffey, Sergio Romo and Taylor Rogers followed as Minnesota's bullpen came through with four scoreless innings. Rogers



Oakland Athletics shortstop Marcus Semien, left, tags out Kansas City Royals' Whit Merrifield (15) during the first inning of a baseball game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019. Merrifield was caught stealing on the play.

Associated Press

pitched a perfect ninth for his 21st save.

Lucas Giolito (14-7) gave up two runs and four hits with three walks in six innings, while striking out nine to reach 203 for the season.

INDIANS 10, TIGERS 1
DETROIT (AP) — Franmil Reyes hit a three-run homer to highlight a six-run seventh inning, and Cleveland beat Detroit for the 12th straight time and 13 in 14 matchups this season.

Carlos Santana had three hits and scored three times for Cleveland, while four pitchers combined for 15 strikeouts.

Detroit is now 17-44 at Comerica Park and needs to win five of the final 20 home games to avoid becoming the first team since at least 1908 to lose 60 at home.

The Tigers also lost Miguel Cabrera, who left the game after two at-bats with tightness in his left biceps — the same one he tore to end his 2018 season in June.

Adam Plutko (6-3) improved to 2-0 in his last three starts, giving up one run on three hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out a career-high nine.

Spencer Turnbull (3-13) allowed four runs and seven hits, needing 98 pitches to

get through five innings. He is tied for third in the majors in losses, one behind Brad Keller and Aaron Sanchez.

ANGELS 5, RANGERS 2
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Kole Calhoun hit a two-run double and pinch-hitter Brian Goodwin added a two-run single in the seventh inning, helping Los Angeles snap its five-game skid.

Mike Trout also hit his 43rd homer in the eighth inning for the Angels, driving in 100 runs for the first time since 2016 with his solo shot to left.

Andrew Heaney had 10 strikeouts over six innings of four-hit ball in his second straight outstanding start against Texas, but he left trailing 1-0 before the Angels rallied to win the opener of a two-game series.

Shin-Soo Choo had an RBI single in the third inning and Danny Santana homered in the eighth for the Rangers, who have lost four of five. Mike Minor (11-8) dominated the Angels for the first six innings, allowing only Andrelton Simmons to reach base during Los Angeles' first 20 plate appearances. Miguel Del Pozo (1-0) got one out in the seventh to earn his first major league victory. Hansel Robles pitched the ninth

for his 19th save.

YANKEES 7, MARINERS 0
SEATTLE (AP) — Aaron Judge became the third-fastest player in baseball history to reach 100 home runs, Masahiro Tanaka threw seven sharp innings and outpitched Yusei Kikuchi in a showdown of Japanese starters, and New York beat Seattle.

Judge joined elite company on the first pitch he saw from Kikuchi, hitting a two-run homer off the batter's eye in center field in the first inning. Judge reached the 100-homer mark in his 371st game. Only Ryan Howard (325) and Yankees teammate Gary Sanchez (355) got to 100 faster. It was Judge's 17th homer of the season after going deep in all three games at Dodger Stadium last weekend.

Brett Gardner added a three-run homer off Kikuchi and was more than enough offense on a night Tanaka was dominant. Tanaka (10-7) won for the third time in his past four decisions, allowing just three hits. He struck out seven and Kyle Seager was the only baserunner to reach third base. Kikuchi (5-9) was done after only four innings, five runs allowed and nearly 100 pitches. □

Brooks, Orioles stymie hot-hitting Nats in 2-0 victory

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aaron Brooks came up with an unexpected pitching gem against the torrid-hitting Nationals, throwing six innings of two-hit ball to help Baltimore end Washington's five-game winning streak. The Nationals were coming off a weekend sweep of Chicago Cubs and had won 12 of 14 to take control of the NL wild-card race before getting upended by the neighboring, last-place Orioles.

Brooks (4-7) came in with a 6.21 ERA and was facing a team averaging 9 1/2 runs over its last 11 games. The right-hander allowed just four baserunners and struck out six, including four in a row bridging the first and second innings.

Rookie Hunter Harvey worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth, and Mychal Givens, the last of four Orioles relievers, got three straight outs to complete the four-hitter and earn his 11th save.

Washington's Patrick Corbin (10-6) gave up two runs and four hits in seven innings with nine strikeouts.

CUBS 5, METS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Yu Darvish pitched eight masterful innings, Javier Báez homered and drove in three runs, and the Cubs topped the Mets in the opener of a pivotal three-game series in the NL wild-card race.

Báez and Addison Russell each hit a two-run homer off Marcus Stroman (7-12). Darvish (5-6) allowed five hits, struck out seven and issued one walk — his first in six starts since his last one on July 23.

Pete Alonso hit his 42nd home run for the Mets, becoming the first rookie in 81 years to break his team's season record. J.D. Davis also went deep in the ninth against Brandon Kintzler.

New York dropped its fourth straight, all at home, and fell three games behind Chicago for the second NL

wild card.

REDS 8, MARLINS 5

MIAMI (AP) — Curt Casali homered and drove in three runs, helping the Reds to the victory.

Casali hit a tying solo drive off Caleb Smith (8-8) in the fourth inning. He batted again in the fifth and hit a two-run single off Tyler Kinley, giving the Reds a 5-3 lead.

Cincinnati also got a big game from Eugenio Suárez, who went deep for the third straight day and finished with three hits. Suárez leads the team with 37 homers.

Jorge Alfaro homered for the third straight game for last-place Miami, which has dropped three of four. Jon Berti had three hits, and Isan Díaz had two RBIs. Luis Castillo (13-5) struck out 11 in six innings for Cincinnati. Raisel Iglesias got four outs for his 27th save.

RED SOX 10, ROCKIES 6

DENVER (AP) — Jackie Bradley Jr. opened Boston's three-homer night with a solo shot into the third deck. Bradley's estimated 478-foot blast in the second inning was the seventh-longest this season, according to Statcast.

Christian Vázquez added a two-run homer and Xander Bogaerts contributed a solo shot as the Red Sox ran their long-ball streak to 17 straight games.

Rick Porcello (12-10) threw five solid innings and allowed two runs.

Colorado outfielder Sam Hilliard had a two-run homer in his major league debut. Nolan Arenado added a two-run homer in the ninth for the Rockies. Rico Garcia (0-1) got the loss in his first big league start.

DIAMONDBACKS 3, GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mike Leake pitched into the eighth inning in his first win since joining Arizona in a trade.

Ketel Marte homered in the fifth for Arizona, but came up limping as he ran the



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Aaron Brooks throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, in Washington.

Associated Press

bases and left because of a cramp in his right hamstring. Marte's single in the third gave him a 10-game hitting streak and career-best 21-game streak safely reaching base.

Adam Jones hit a go-ahead single in the sixth off Sam Coonrod (4-1), and Christian Walker added an RBI single the next inning as Arizona won the season series 10-9.

Leake (10-10) won his fifth start since he was acquired in a trade with Seattle on July 31. Archie Bradley got three outs for his ninth save.

CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Yadier Molina homered twice and the NL Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals matched a season high with their sixth straight win in a rain-delayed game inside Miller Park.

Play was halted briefly with the Cardinals batting with two outs in seventh inning as rain poured through the open roof and fans rushed to the covered concourses. The delay lasted about nine minutes as the retractable roof closed.

St. Louis right fielder Dexter Fowler preserved the win by jumping at the wall to catch a drive by Hernan Perez with two on for the final out.

Miles Mikolas (8-13) struck out 10 for the Cardinals,

who have won 15 of 18 and are a season-best 15 games above .500.

Molina's solo homer in the fifth inning made it 1-all. After Paul DeJong walked with one out in the seventh, Molina homered off the left-field foul pole against reliever Matt Albers (5-4) to break the tie.

PIRATES 5, PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rhys Hoskins kept Phillies fans booing when he inexplicably dropped a routine throw at first base in the ninth, turning what appeared to be an inning-ending double play into the go-ahead run for Pittsburgh.

After a pair of one-out walks by Hector Neris (2-5), Kevin Newman hit a grounder to second baseman Cesar Hernandez that could've let the Phillies escape. Jean Segura's relay throw should have finishing the inning, but the struggling Hoskins seemed to close his mitt too early and the ball smacked off the leather and rolled away. Adam Frazier scrambled home to score the tiebreaking run in stunning fashion and the Phillies failed to gain ground in the NL wild-card race.

Felipe Vazquez (5-1) got the win for the Pirates with 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Sean Rodriguez provoked the ire of Phillies fans a day

after he won a game a with an extra-inning home run and blasted the crowd for booing. Rodriguez was booed during lineup introductions and each time he came to hit.

DODGERS 9, PADRES 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Walker Buehler dominated the San Diego Padres again, striking out 11 and allowing only four hits in six innings, and Joc Pederson homered to lead the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers.

Buehler (11-3) was strong from the start, walking just two and allowing only three baserunners to reach scoring position. He improved to 4-0 with a 0.64 ERA in four career appearances against San Diego in two seasons.

Manuel Margot, who was beamed by Buehler in the second inning, made a leaping catch at the wall in center field in the sixth to rob Cody Bellinger of a two-run homer, which would have given him sole possession of the MLB lead with 43. Pederson hit his career-high 27th homer in the third inning off rookie Cal Quantrill (6-5). Matt Beaty and Enrique Hernandez hit RBI singles in the fourth before the Dodgers blew it open with five runs in the fifth, when they chased Quantrill and had seven straight batters reach with one out. □

Eco search engine sees surge in downloads as Amazon burns

By MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Can you save the rainforest from your desk? A spike in downloads for a search engine that's contributing profits to planting trees shows people are looking for ways to help as fires rage across the Brazilian Amazon.

But experts say that while such efforts won't hurt, there are better ways to contribute.

Ecosia, a search engine founded in 2009, works with about 20 tree-planting organizations around the world in hopes of planting a billion trees by 2020. The Berlin-based company has pledged to plant an additional 2 million trees in Brazil in response to the fires.

Ecosia uses Microsoft Bing's search engine technology and sells ads just like many other tech companies. But instead of rewarding mostly shareholders, the company said it is contributing 80% of its profits to tree-planting efforts and keeping just a small amount for itself. The company estimates it can plant one tree for every 45 searches that people do.

Other companies and even celebrities are also taking action in response to the fires. Apple, for example,



A tree stump glows with fire amid smoke along the road to Jacunda National Forest, near the city of Porto Velho in the Vila Nova Samuel region which is part of Brazil's Amazon, Monday, Aug. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

has pledged aid, though it has not given many details. Leonardo DiCaprio's foundation has pledged \$5 million.

Can a typical person help the rainforest by simply changing search engines or supporting certain companies?

While switching to Ecosia requires little effort and "might make a difference," the best way to respond is

to give directly to a charity that specializes in a cause and spends donations wisely, said Larry Chiagouris, a professor of marketing at Pace University.

Art Markman, professor of psychology and marketing at the University of Texas, said disaster relief tends to be reactive and driven by the news cycle. He said charitable organizations can capitalize on that by

making it easy to give money.

"Generally speaking, doing something is better than doing nothing," said Art Markman, professor of psychology and marketing at the University of Texas. "We tend to do things that are easy."

A nonprofit called B Lab has certified Ecosia as a for-profit company with a social mission. Ecosia's big-

ger goal is to combat climate change. It works with such nonprofit groups as The Nature Conservancy and the Eden Reforestation Projects.

Although it's possible to use Ecosia from a standard web browser, people can download an "extension" tool to make it the default search engine on traditional personal computers. Ecosia also has an app for iPhones, iPads and Android devices.

Since the fires began, Ecosia has seen downloads of the apps and extensions spike 10-fold, to about 250,000 a day, much for it from the U.S., Brazil, Latin America, Canada and Europe. Ecosia has also gotten 100 million searches a week, which the company says is a "huge increase," though it isn't saying by how much. The company said the spike has come through word of mouth via social media and media reports.

"We're very sad about what's happening, but at the same time we're really overwhelmed by all of the positive energy from people coming our way who want to do something," Ecosia founder Christian Kroll said. □



In this May 19, 2019, file photograph, a long line of unsold 2019 sedans sits at a dealership in Littleton, Colo.

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Alerts from new driver assist systems can be so annoying that some motorists are turning the features off, according to a new survey.

The 2019 J.D. Power Tech Experience Index study also found that frustrated drivers may avoid the systems in future vehicle pur-

chases. That's a problem for automakers who want to sell the technology and prepare people for fully automated vehicles, the company said.

"Automakers are spending lots of money on advanced technology development, but the constant alerts can confuse and

Survey finds new auto technology can annoy drivers

frustrate drivers," said Kristin Kolodge, J.D. Power's executive director of driver interaction and human-machine interface. "The technology can't come across as a nagging parent. No one wants to be constantly told they aren't driving correctly."

For example, systems that keep vehicles centered or within their lanes were problematic for owners, the study found. An average of 23% of drivers with the systems view the alerts as annoying. The results vary by brand, with up to 30% finding the alerts bothersome. Of drivers who don't like the alerts, 61%

sometimes disable the systems. A spokesman said J.D. Power would not identify the brands.

Collision protection systems such as automatic emergency braking fared the best in six categories covered by the survey. Smartphone mirroring was second, followed by comfort and convenience features such as voice recognition and climate controls. Entertainment and connectivity such as linking phones and Bluetooth placed fourth, followed by driving assistance such as blind spot detection or lane keeping systems. Navigation finished last, J.D.

Power said in a statement Tuesday.

The survey also found that 69% of owners have Apple CarPlay and/or Google's Android Auto in their vehicles. The phone mirroring systems are starting to jeopardize sales of the automakers' factory installed navigation systems, the survey found. The company's survey included over 16,400 responses from people who bought or leased a 2019 vehicle in the past 90 days. The new vehicles had to have been all-new or redesigned within the past three years. The survey was conducted from February through July. □

Banks help drive US stocks broadly higher after wobbly start

By **ALEX VEIGA**
Associated Press

Banks and energy companies helped power U.S. stocks broadly higher in midday trading Wednesday as the market clawed back some of its losses from a day earlier.

Financial sector stocks accounted for much of the rally, which reversed an early slide. Big banks were among the sector's gainers. Wells Fargo rose 2% and Bank of America added 1.7%.

Energy stocks notched the biggest overall gain as crude oil prices climbed 1.8% after the government reported that stockpiles declined from last week. Cimarex Energy jumped 9.7%.

Both sectors have taken the heaviest losses this month as fear that the U.S. trade war with China is hampering global economic growth roiled markets.

Falling oil prices, which tend to decline with the perception that there will be less economic growth, can weigh on energy stocks. Falling bond yields, meanwhile, have weighed on banks. The 10-year Treasury note is a benchmark interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans, so when that yield declines, it translates into lower prof-



In this Aug. 21, 2019, file photo specialist Anthony Matesic, center, works with traders at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

its for lenders.

Banks surged Wednesday even as bond yields continued to move lower as investors shifted more money into government bonds. The trend continued to drive long-term bond yields further below short-term ones. The so-called inversion of the U.S. yield curve is a rare phenomenon that has correctly predicted previous recessions.

"You're seeing investors hedge their bets, but also take advantage of the

pockets of opportunity in sectors that have been hurt by the 10-year yield coming down," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. The S&P 500 was up 0.5% as of 12:40 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 172 points, or 0.7%, to 25,950.

The Nasdaq, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, recovered from an early stumble and was up 0.2%. Investors favored smaller company stocks a

day after they fell sharply. The Russell 2000 index gained 1.4%.

The market is on track to end the week with a gain after having declined the past four weeks in a row.

Uncertainty over the U.S.-China trade conflict and its impact on corporate profits has weighed on the market this month. The S&P 500 is on track for its second monthly drop this year.

Investors' anxiety has been visible in the surge in demand for U.S. government

bonds. The yield in the 10-year Treasury fell below that of the two-year Treasury on Tuesday and remained lower Wednesday. The 10-year yield slid to 1.46%, down from 1.49% late Tuesday. The two-year was at 1.50%, down from 1.52% a day earlier.

When the yield curve inverted earlier this month for the first time since 2007, it led to a broad market sell-off.

Still, while the inversion in the yield curve has been a good indicator of a coming recession in the past, other factors may be skewing what's happening in the U.S. bond market. Many other countries' long-term bonds now carry negative yields, making U.S. Treasuries more attractive. That's helping to fuel the surge in demand for bonds and the ensuing drop in yields.

This means market watchers trying to gauge the likelihood of a recession will have to rely more on economic data.

Still, much of the market's action has been a reaction in recent weeks to headlines on trade. Last week, the trade conflict escalated again with Washington and Beijing threatening new tariffs on each other's goods, triggering a sharp sell-off in global markets. □

Not getting paid? Tips to help businesses collect on bills

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**

NEW YORK (AP) — Customers who pay late or don't ever pay are a problem for any company, but particularly for small business owners who lose time and money pursuing the money they're owed. Some tips to help owners be sure they get paid:

— Use written contracts that spell out payment terms. Contracts serve two major purposes, putting customers on notice about when and how they're supposed to pay. And if an owner needs to take a non-payer to court, the contract will be evidence that the customer agreed to the terms, says Michael Eckstein, an accountant based in Hun-

tington, New York.

— Do some due diligence on customers. Before agreeing to work with or sell to a customer, doing a credit check or researching them online can help a business to avoid payment problems. It's particularly important when large amounts of money are at stake.

— Get a deposit or payment up front. Becky Beach, a website designer in Arlington, Texas, asks clients for half her fee before she starts work. She formulated that policy after having to chase after customers — even visiting them in person to collect late payments.

— If a customer doesn't

pay, an owner should follow up in a timely manner. Some owners send emails seven days after payment was due. If payment still isn't made, Eckstein recommends following up once a week; he notes that there are apps and software programs that make sending these reminders easier.

— If an owner wants to keep a customer who's a late payer, a mix of firmness and friendliness will help.

— Be ready to negotiate if that's the best way to get at least partial payment. Marsha Kelly, a consultant who has also had a career as a manufacturer, worked out payment plans with some customers, and she was also willing to take gift



In this April 4, 2018 photo provided Anvil Media, Kent Lewis works at his office at Anvil Media in Portland, Ore.

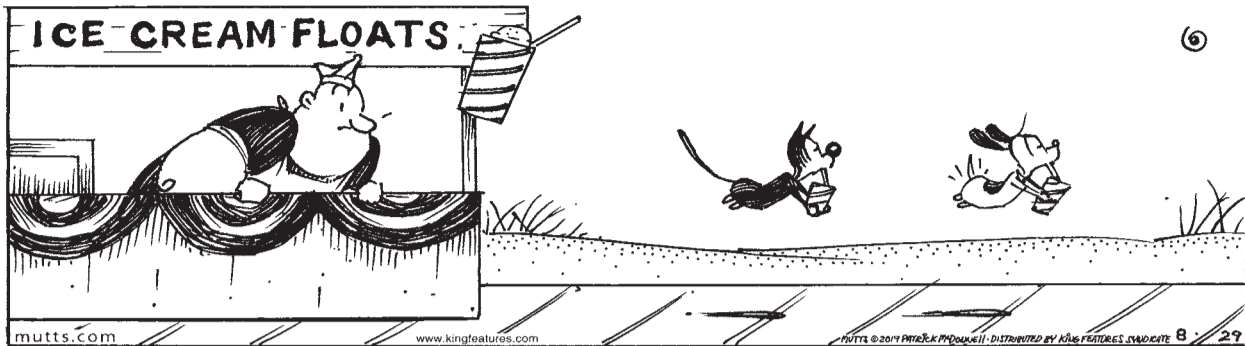
Associated Press

certificates to restaurants and hotels who were her customers.

— Use collection agencies and lawsuits as a last resort.

Both alternatives carry expenses that will reduce the amount of money an owner can collect, sometimes by half or more. □

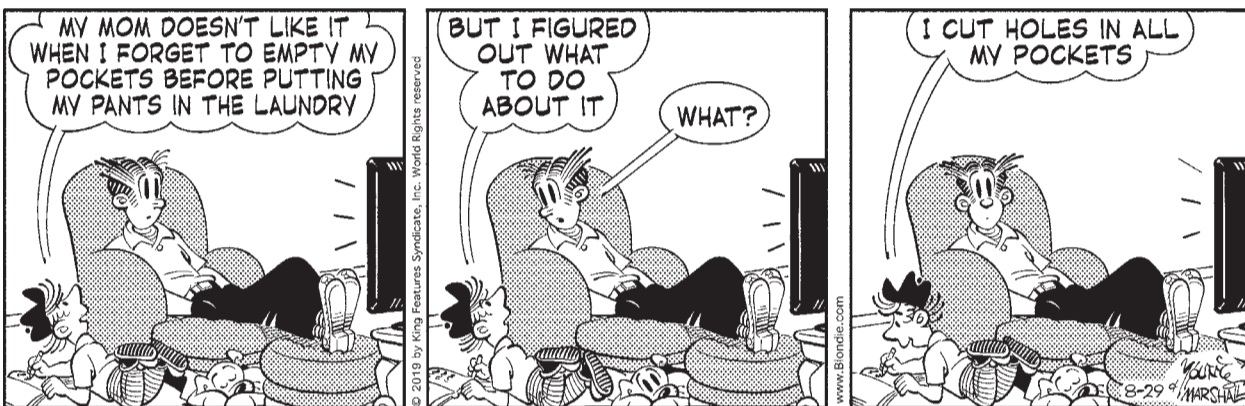
Mutts



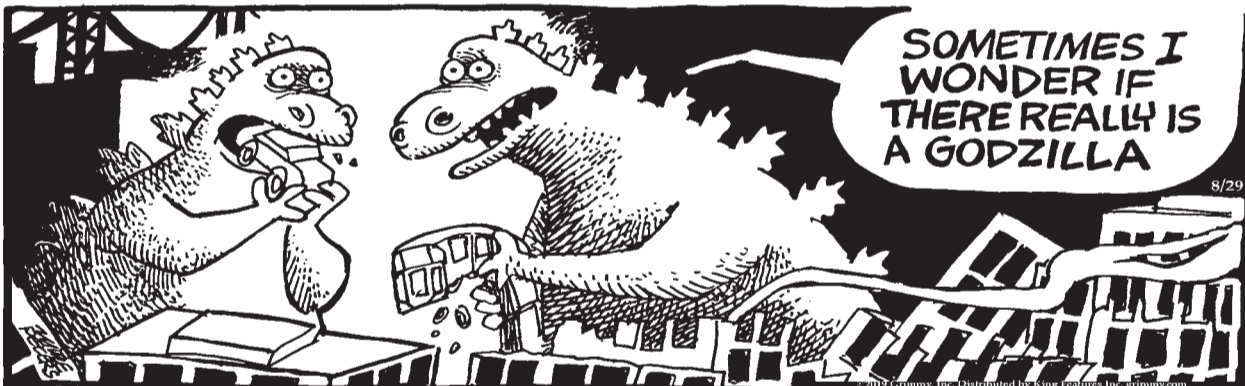
6 Chix



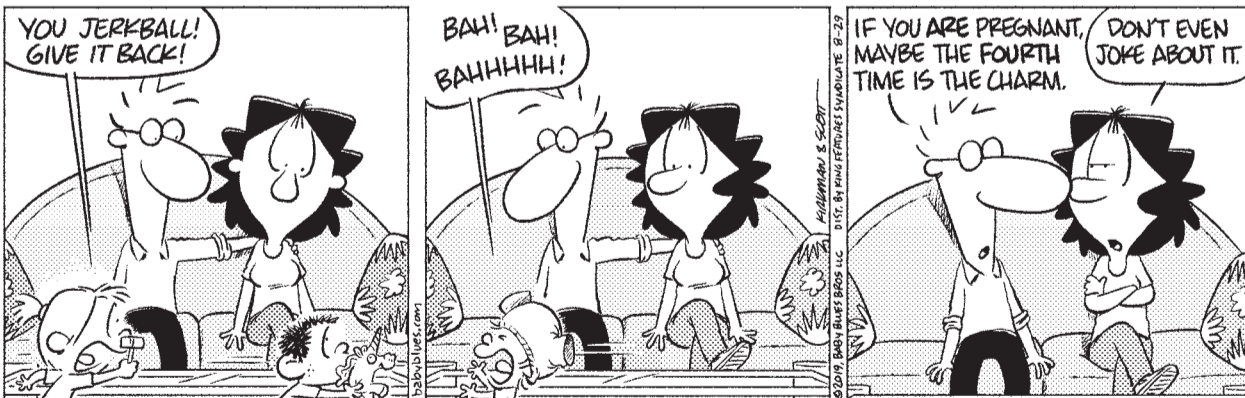
Blondie



Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



Zits



Conceptis Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 4 | 6 | | | | 2 | 9 | |
| | | 7 | | 3 | | 4 | | |
| | | | | 4 | | | | |
| 1 | | | 4 | | 7 | | | 3 |
| | 6 | | | | | | 8 | |
| 4 | | | 5 | | 3 | | | 9 |
| | | | | 1 | | | | |
| | | 2 | | 9 | | 7 | | |
| | 7 | 9 | | | | 3 | 6 | |

Difficulty Level ★★★

8/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

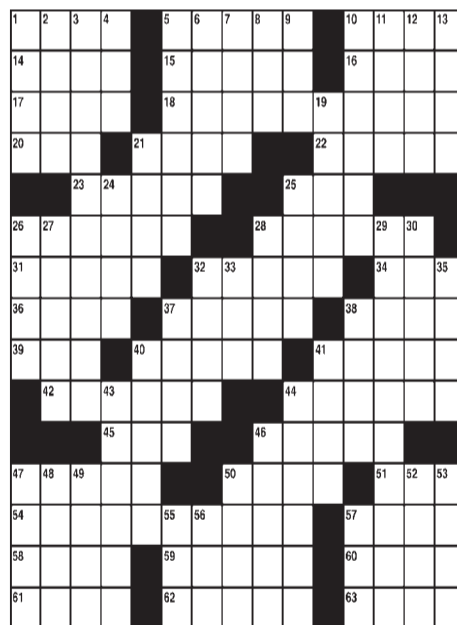
| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| 9 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| 8 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| 7 | 3 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 |

ACROSS

- Set of three
- Speak without preparation
- Green amphibian
- Shout
- Wading bird
- Long car
- Heap
- Ridiculous
- roll
- Handsome young man
- Removes from office
- Snuff out
- Took first place
- Ben or Fred
- Kilt pattern
- Superior
- Movie music
- Cauldron
- Throw
- Wear the crown
- Asian desert
- Yon maiden
- Abacus bits
- Not as ruddy
- Decorates
- Baltimore bird
- Parrot or puppy
- Fork part
- Neighbor of Pakistan
- Paper fastener
- Pixie
- Yes classic
- Night light
- highs; long socks
- Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
- Toy with a tail
- Closing word
- Mt. Aconcagua's range
- Like éclairs

DOWN

- Clerical error
- Harness strap
- Imprudent
- Bullring shout



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

8/29/19

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|--------|------|
| AS | AN | CHEF | BRET |
| LOSER | HEAL | LIVE | |
| PASTE | ANTIDOTES | | |
| SKI | LOP | PETERS | |
| SAILS | PAT | | |
| PITIED | CANOPY | | |
| ADAMS | SHUNS | RED | |
| SENS | START | DELI | |
| TAC | STAYS | RIFLE | |
| LETTER | SUREST | | |
| AAA | MISER | | |
| SHRILL | ITS | EMP | |
| TAILLIGHT | ERNIE | | |
| ALSO | NEAT | TACKS | |
| BEER | GEMS | MEET | |

©2019 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
All Rights Reserved.

8/29/19

- Sandwich maker's need
- Poke at
- Theorized
- Delivers a speech
- Cut back
- Annoys
- Put on weight
- Cross swords
- Daring
- Delayed
- Astaire or Gwynne
- Drs.' org.
- Flour container
- Enjoy a winter sport

Limits on sales of African elephants to zoos gain approval

By JAMEY KEATEN
FARAI MUTSAKA
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — Countries that are part of an international agreement on trade in endangered species agreed Tuesday to limit the sale of wild elephants caught in Zimbabwe and Botswana, delighting conservationists but dismayed some of the African countries involved.

Wildlife experts said a resolution approved by parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora at a meeting in Geneva was a "momentous win" for elephants because it restricts their sale to zoos.

The European Union tweaked the language of the resolution to reach a compromise that limits ex-

ports of live elephants outside of Africa but allows for some exceptions relevant to Europe.

Conservationists explained the change by giving an example, saying it would allow for an elephant already in France to be shipped to nearby Germany without having to be sent back to Africa first.

But the new resolution also means zoos will no longer be able to import wild-caught African elephants to the United States, China and many other countries beyond the elephants' natural habitat. The resolution passed by a vote of 87 in favor, 29 against and 25 abstaining. The U.S. voted against it.

Animal advocates applauded the move, even though some felt it didn't go far enough. □



Classifieds

Halley Time Travel

Marriott Ocean Club Gold Season

1 BR Ocean View \$ 5 K
2 BR Ocean View \$ 8 K
1 BR Ocean Front \$12K
2 BR Ocean Front \$14K

Marriott Surf Club

2 BR Garden View \$ 7 K
2 BR Ocean View \$ 8 K
2 BR Ocean Side \$9 K
2 BR Ocean Front \$12 K
3 BR Ocean View \$15 K

Renaissance Suites

1 BR WK 32 and 35
3rd floor ocean view
\$3,500 each
Costa Linda
2 BR WK 31 Ground Floor
Light House view \$10 K

Casa Del Mar

2 BR WK 34 \$8 K
3rd floor Ocean View
Aruba Divi Phoenix
studio wk 35 and 36 \$13 K both
2 sd floor Ocean front villas

La Cabana Beach and Casino

1 BR WK 33 \$ 4 K
3rd floor pool/ocean view
Eagle Resort and casino
1 BR WK 34
2sd floor \$ 5 K

Call: 630 1307

Johnnypaesch@gmail.com
arubaresalestry@hotmail.com
facebookpage:resales&realty

ANTIQUESHOPS

TOTAL SALE

@ Rococo Plaza

Open Daily 9am-4pm
SATURDAY 31 AUG
YARSALE start 9am
ROCOCO PLAZA
FLEAMARKET #ONE
SUNDAY SEPT 1, 9-1
Info whatsapp 741-5640

FOR SALE

Divi Studio

wk 35 8/31 Dutch Village rm 128
buy \$2,650

Divi Golf wk 35 8/31, unit 4201,
start \$2,650

e-mail: rmwjmw@aol.com
or call 508-651-0016

211687



Editor

Caribbean Speed Printers N.V.
Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668
Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.
Acc. #23951903
RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772

Assistant Director

Xiomara Arends

Editor in Chief

Linda Reijnders
(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)
Liza Koolman (Management assistant)

Editors

Richard Brooks
Jeancarlo Trinidad

Sales

Linda Reijnders
(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)
Sulaika Croes

Classifieds

classified@cspnv.com

Distribution and Collection

accounting@bondia.com

Social / Website

Cristian Soto Garcia
Pilar Flores
Juan Luis Pinto

Columnists

Anthony Croes
Joris Zantvoort
Shanella Pantophlet
Steve Frances
Thais Franken

Weststraat 22
T: 582-7800
E: news@arubatoday.com
W: www.arubatoday.com
@arubatoday

HEALTH

DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad

Hospital 7:00 pm / 10:00pm
Tel. 527 4000

San Nicolas

IMSAN 24 Hours
Tel. 524 8833

PHARMACY ON DUTY

Oranjestad:

Paradera Tel. 588 6638
San Nicolas:
Seroe Preto Tel. 584 4833

OTHER

Dental Clinic 587 9850
Blood Bank Aruba 587 0002
Urgent Care 586 0448
Walk-In Doctor's Clinic
+297 588 0539

EMERGENCY

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Police | 100 |
| Oranjestad | 527 3140 |
| Noord | 527 3200 |
| Sta. Cruz | 527 2900 |
| San Nicolas | 584 5000 |
| Police Tipline | 11141 |
| Ambulancia | 911 |
| Fire Dept. | 115 |
| Red Cross | 582 2219 |

TAXI SERVICES

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Taxi Tas | 587 5900 |
| Prof. Taxi | 588 0035 |
| Taxi D.T.S. | 587 2300 |
| Taxi Serv. Aruba | 583 3232 |
| A1 Taxi Serv. | 280 2828 |

TRAVEL INFO

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Aruba Airport | 524 2424 |
| American Airlines | 582 2700 |
| Avianca | 588 0059 |
| Jet Blue | 588 2244 |
| Surinam | 582 7896 |

CRUISES



August 29
Carnival Horizon

AID FOUNDATIONS

FAVI- Visually Impaired
Tel. 582 5051

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tel. 736 2952

Narcotics Anonymous
Tel. 583 8989

Women in Difficulties
Tel. 583 5400

Centre for Diabetes
Tel. 524 8888

Child Abuse Prevention
Tel. 582 4433

Quota Club Tel. 525 2672

General Info

Phone Directory Tel. 118



TIMESHARES FOR SALE! AMAZING DEALS UP FOR GRABS!

Renaissance Aruba

Week 5 Unit 2522 - \$7,500
Week 7 Unit 2316 - \$9,000
Week 17 Unit 320 - \$3,000
Week 20 Unit 2329 - \$2,850
Week 23 Unit 2326 - \$2,300
Week 24 Unit 2505 - \$3,750
Week 26 Unit 2520 - \$3,200
Week 27 Unit 2520 - \$3,200
Week 27 Unit 2147 - \$5,000
Week 30 Unit 2546 - \$5,500
Week 30 Unit 2307 - \$3,500
Week 31 Unit 2307 - \$3,500
Week 33 Unit 2535 - \$8,000
Week 34 Unit 2535 - \$8,000

Renaissance Aruba

Week 34 Unit 2121 - \$3,500
Week 35 Unit 2120 - \$3,500
Week 36 Unit 2315 - \$2,250
Week 38 Unit 2143 - \$3,500
Week 39 Unit 2314 - \$3,500
Week 41 Unit 2132 - \$3,875
Week 42 Unit 2132 - \$3,875
Week 42 Unit 2136 - \$4,000
Week 45 Unit 2305 - \$5,500
Week 45 Unit 2551 - \$5,500
Week 50 Unit 2510 - \$4,500
Divi Dutch Village
Week 43 Unit 7206 - \$2,000

La Cabana BRC

Week 29 Unit 419D - \$2,250 (Incl. T. Fee)
Week 30 Unit 419D - \$2,250 (Incl. T. Fee)
Week 30 Unit 227A - \$3,500
Week 33 Unit 138A - \$2,250
Week 34 Unit 138A - \$2,250
Week 36 Unit 124B - \$4,000
Week 45 Unit 424AB - \$16,400
Week 46 Unit 316C - \$5,200

Marriott Surf Club

Week 44 Unit 8909 - \$15,000

CALL US AT (297) 737 3006 OR E-MAIL AT ZACH@BUYARUBATIMESHARES.COM

Ethiopian fossil reveals face for ancestor of famed 'Lucy'

By MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A fossil from Ethiopia is letting scientists look millions of years into our evolutionary history — and they see a face peering back.

The find, from 3.8 million years ago, reveals the face for a presumed ancestor of the species famously represented by Lucy, the celebrated Ethiopian partial skeleton found in 1974.

This ancestral species is the oldest known member of *Australopithecus*, a grouping of creatures that preceded our own branch of the family tree, called *Homo*.

Scientists have long known that this species — *A. anamensis* — existed, and previous fossils of it extend back to 4.2 million years ago. But the discovered facial remains were limited to jaws and teeth. The newly reported fossil includes much of the skull and face. It was described Wednesday in the journal *Nature* by Yohannes Haile-Selassie of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and co-authors.



This undated photo provided by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in August 2019 shows a facial reconstruction model by John Gurche made from a fossilized cranium of *Australopithecus anamensis*.

Associated Press

The face apparently came from a male. Its middle and lower parts jut forward, while Lucy's species shows a flatter mid-face, a step toward humans' flat faces. The fossil also shows the beginning of the massive and robust faces found in *Australopithecus*, built to withstand strains from chewing tough food, researchers

said.

The fossil was found in 2016, in what was once sand deposited in a river delta on the shore of lake. At the time the creature lived, the area was largely dry shrubland with some trees. Other work has shown *A. anamensis* evidently walked upright, but there's no evidence that it flaked stone

to make tools, said study co-author Stephane Melillo of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. Experts unconnected to the new study praised the work. Eric Delson of Lehman College in New York called the fossil "beautiful" and said the researchers did an impressive job of re-

constructing it digitally to help determine its place in the evolutionary tree.

With a face for *A. anamensis*, said Zeray Alemseged of the University of Chicago, "now we know how they looked and how they differed from the Lucy species."

William Kimbel, who directs the Institute of Human Origins at Arizona State University, said the discovery helps fill a critical gap in information on the earliest evolution of the *Australopithecus* group.

The study's authors said the finding indicates *A. anamensis* hung around for at least 100,000 years after producing Lucy's species, *A. afarensis*. That contradicts the widely accepted idea that there was no such overlap, they wrote.

Scientists care about overlap because its presence or absence can indicate the process by which one species gave rise to another. The paper's argument for overlap rests on its conclusion that a forehead bone previously found in Ethiopia belongs to Lucy's species. □

State with ambitions as wind-energy hub seeks to lure more



In this Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 file photo, three of Deepwater Wind's turbines stand in the water off Block Island, R.I.

Associated Press

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Rhode Island approved tax credits Monday to lure a third major offshore wind company to the state as part of an effort to become a hub for the industry.

The first U.S. offshore wind farm began operating off Block Island, Rhode Island, in late 2016, and Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo wants to the industry to grow in the state.

The Rhode Island Commerce Corp. approved nearly \$900,000 in tax credits over 10 years for Boston Energy, which plans to open its U.S. headquarters in Providence. The British company must maintain at least 52 full-time jobs in the state for at least 12 years. Raimondo said Tuesday that the development is "further proof that we're well-positioned to be the hub for this growing indus-

try."

Raimondo announced in June that another British wind turbine maintenance company, GEV Wind Power, will locate its U.S. headquarters in Rhode Island and create about 125 jobs. The Danish offshore wind company Orsted bought Providence-based Deepwater Wind last year. Its major U.S. hubs are Providence and Boston. Deepwater Wind is the developer that opened the wind farm off Block Island.

It's a "recent trend" for global offshore wind companies to be opening headquarters in Rhode Island, state Commerce Secretary Stefan Pryor said Tuesday, and the state should continue offering tax credits and incentives, promoting ocean science expertise at local universities, and being proactive on renewable energy.

Pryor met with executives from both Boston Energy and GEV in England in May during a trip designed to attract offshore wind companies.

Pryor, who visited Denmark this month to meet with offshore wind executives there, said that he continues to pursue companies around the world and that he's speaking with Orsted about increasing its presence in Rhode Island. Raimondo and Pryor met with Orsted's global leadership on Tuesday in Newport.

Rhode Island is also home to several smaller companies that supply offshore wind products and services.

"We are deliberately and definitively working on the development of this industry through trade missions and through the fostering of homegrown companies," Pryor said. □



Honey Dolls
MASSAGE AND ESCORT SERVICE
Beautiful Latin Girls
Pick-up & Delivery

Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders
Bachelor Party Specialized, the best in the Caribbean **Call: 565-9535**

Elliott recalls crazy moments it took to make iconic videos

By MESFIN FEKADU

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — After celebrating her two-decade-plus career at the MTV Video Music Awards with a performance featuring a slew of her hits, Missy Elliott knew she did a great job when the first text she received after the performance was from another musical icon and longtime friend: Janet Jackson.

"She was like, 'You shut that (expletive) down,'" Elliott said, laughing in a phone interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, a day after the VMAs. "And just to know that Janet even said that word was amazing. And I was like, 'OK, I must have done good for her to use that (word).'"

Elliott, who has collaborated musically with Jackson in the past, received the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award on Monday night for the eccentric and vibrant music videos that helped establish her as a trailblazer on the music



Missy Elliott poses in the press room with the Video Vanguard award at the MTV Video Music Awards at the Prudential Center on Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

scene.

The 48-year-old Grammy winner said the road to creating iconic videos was not easy. She said in the "She's a B---h" clip, which includes a scene where she and

others are submerged, two of the dancers "had asthma attacks just from being underwater."

For "The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)" — her 1997 debut single where she wore an

inflated trash bag — she recalls walking "to the gas station to use the air pump ... in Brooklyn to pump up the suit, and then realized I was too big to fit in the car, so we had to walk ... on the

main street in this outfit all the way to set, and it had deflated."

She confirmed that the bees in the "Work It" video were in fact real. And in the "Pass that Dutch" clip when she was lifted up and rapping from a cornfield, "they dropped me on my knees; I thought my kneecaps had broken." "I was just doing these videos and ... it wasn't like I was doing them and trying to make a point for later down the line. I was just doing it," she said. "A lot of people say, 'Hey you should have gotten (this award) a long time ago and I realize that I'm a spiritual person and so I always say, 'I'm on God's time.' And so whenever God says it was time for me to have it is the correct time."

Elliott's VMA performance also included the well-known hits "Lose Control" and "Get Ur Freak On," as well as "Throw It Back," the first single from her new EP "Iconology," released last week. □

The places it'll go: Dr. Seuss exhibition hitting the road

By MARK PRATT

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Dr. Seuss is hitting the road this fall with a large interactive exhibit that will immerse visitors in some of the most iconic books by the beloved children's writer.

The exhibit is centered on a maze based on "Oh, the Places You'll Go," the Dr. Seuss book that urges children to explore the world and move mountains despite the pitfalls and challenges. Children and adults will be able to explore rooms based on "The Cat in the Hat," "The Lorax," "Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?" and other works. The 15,000-square-foot (1,400-square-meter) exhibition announced publicly Wednesday is scheduled to open in Toronto in October. There are plans to take it to Boston, Seattle, Houston and several other North American cities.

"I wanted to explore the books and bring the characters to life in a new and



This undated rendering provided by Dr. Seuss Enterprises shows a balloon maze that will be incorporated as part of a touring immersive attraction tied to the work of the famous late author and illustrator of children's books.

Associated Press

engaging way," said Susan Brandt, president of San Diego-based Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the company founded by Audrey Geisel, the late widow of Theodor Seuss Geisel, who under the pen name Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated dozens of children's books.

Because the exhibit is based on Geisel's children's books, there are no references to his earlier and more controversial political cartoons.

The maze inspired by "Oh, the Places You'll Go" features thousands of suspended balloons.

Visitors entering "The Lorax" room can wander through a forest of truffula trees. The "If I Ran the Circus" room features a working carousel, while "Horton Hears a Who!" consists of a field of waist-high pink clover.

The exhibit is a partnership between Dr. Seuss Enter-

prises and Kilburn Live, a division of Los Angeles-based entertainment company Kilburn Media.

The Dr. Seuss Experience, more than two years in the making, is unlike anything the company has ever been involved in before, and that's what attracted Kilburn to the project.

The exhibit is not just about promoting literacy but about the pro-social messages in Dr. Seuss books, Kilburn founder and CEO Mark Manuel said.

"The Lorax" teaches environmental stewardship, while "The Sneetches and Other Stories" teaches tolerance and individuality, he said.

Another aspect is that the exhibit will change in every city. Some rooms will be flipped out to be replaced by rooms based on other Seuss classics. The rooms will even change based on the time of year, with a "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" room planned for the holiday season. □

Lise Davidsen triumphs in Bayreuth debut

BAYREUTH, Germany (AP) — When Lise Davidsen describes her Bayreuth audition as a chilling experience, she isn't being metaphorical. Deep in the winter of 2017 she had journeyed to this city in northern Bavaria to sing Elisabeth's two arias from Richard Wagner's "Tannhauser" on the stage of the Festspielhaus. The opera house, which

opened in 1876, was built to Wagner's specifications and to this day the auditorium has no heating or air conditioning lest they interfere with the acoustics. The temperature at the time: 16 degrees. "I had my coat on in the dressing room and then before I went on I took it off, because that's what you do, but they told me it's OK to keep it on," the Nor-



This image released by the Bayreuth Festival shows Norwegian soprano Lise Davidsen, right, and Manni Laudenbach in a scene from Wagner's "Tannhäuser," in Bayreuth, Germany.

Associated Press

500 Caribbean Cinemas

PH VIP At Paseo Herencia 582-3693

PBP Palm Beach Plaza Mall 586.0074

caribbeancinemas.com

Caribbean Cinemas Aruba

MORE VARIETY IN PROGRAMMING AND SHOWTIMES NOW WITH 14 SCREENS!

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4

NEW THIS WEEK!

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK

ZOE MARGARET COLLETTI | MICHAEL GARZA

PH MON-THU 6:00 | 8:30

FRI 6:00 | 8:30 | 11:00

VIP SAT 3:30 | 6:00 | 8:30 | 11:00

SUN 3:30 | 6:00 | 8:30

PBP MON-FRI 4:45 | 7:10 | 9:35

SAT-SUN 2:20 | 4:45 | 7:10 | 9:35

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

VIVEK KALRA | KULVINDER GHIR

PH MON-THU 4:25 | 6:45 | 9:15

FRI 4:25 | 6:45 | 9:15 | 11:45

SAT 1:45 | 4:25 | 6:45 | 9:15 | 11:45

SUN 1:45 | 4:25 | 6:45 | 9:15

ANGEL HAS FALLEN

GERARD BUTLER | MORGAN FREEMAN

PH MON-FRI 5:30 | 8:15

SAT-SUN 2:45 | 5:30 | 8:15

PBP CXC MON-THU 5:50 | 8:30

FRI 5:50 | 8:30 | 11:10

SAT 3:10 | 5:50 | 8:30 | 11:10

SUN 3:10 | 5:50 | 8:30

PBP VIP MON-FRI 3:55 | 6:35 | 9:15

SAT-SUN 1:15 | 3:55 | 6:35 | 9:15

READY OR NOT

SAMARA WEAVING | ADAM BRODY

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]

PH MON-THU & SUN 8:30

FRI-SAT 8:30 | 10:45

PBP MON-THU & SUN 9:30

FRI-SAT 9:30 | 11:40

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD

ISABELA MONER | EVA LONGORIA

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]

PH MON-FRI 6:10

SAT-SUN 3:50 | 6:10

PBP MON-THU 4:10 | 6:30 | 8:50

FRI 4:10 | 6:30 | 8:50 | 11:10

SAT 1:50 | 4:10 | 6:30 | 8:50 | 11:10

SUN 1:50 | 4:10 | 6:30 | 8:50

SPANISH MON-FRI 5:30

SAT-SUN 1:10 | 5:30

GOOD BOYS

JACOB TREMBLAY | KEITH L. WILLIAMS

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]

PH MON-FRI 9:25

SAT-SUN 4:50 | 9:25

PBP MON-THU 7:50

FRI 7:50 | 10:10

SAT 3:25 | 7:50 | 10:10

SUN 3:25 | 7:50

HOBBS & SHAW

DWAYNE JOHNSON | JASON STATHAM

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]

PH MON-FRI 5:50 | 8:50

SAT-SUN 2:50 | 5:50 | 8:50

PBP MON-FRI 3:50 | 6:25 | 9:20

SAT-SUN 3:30 | 6:25 | 9:20

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2

JASON SUDEIKIS | JOSH GAD

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]

PH MON-FRI 7:00

SAT-SUN 2:35 | 7:00

PBP MON-FRI 4:50 | 7:10

SAT-SUN 2:30 | 4:50 | 7:10

THE LION KING

DONALD GLOVER | BEYONCÉ KNOWLES-CARTER

WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]

PBP MON-FRI 3:50 | 6:25 | 9:00

SAT-SUN 1:15 | 3:50 | 6:25 | 9:00

OPENING SEPTEMBER 5: IT CHAPTER TWO, 47 METERS DOWN:UNCAGED

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

wegian soprano recalled. Still shivering from the cold, she made it through the first aria with no problem, but in the second — an extended prayer — "with all those long phrases that require absolute breath control, I think there was a little bit of extra vibrato!" No matter. She sufficiently impressed festival co-director Katharina Wagner — great-granddaughter of the composer — to be engaged for the role in a new production that opened this summer's festival. This time there was no danger of anyone freezing: The temperature on opening day in late July was 102. For a Wagnerian soprano, it was the highest-profile assignment imaginable: singing in front of 2,000 well-heeled opera-goers who travel from all over the world to worship at the master's shrine. "To be standing there on the opening night, in such a special house, I was like, this is just too much, in a really good way," Davidsen recalled in an interview at the Festspielhaus between performances. Even if I had my doubts and insecurities, I still feel like it's a good place to be insecure." With no curtain calls between acts, Davidsen had to wait until the end for a solo bow.

"It's weird. You wonder what the audience thinks," she said, "but you know your job ... so by the time you take applause, even if they would have booed, I think I would have thought, 'OK, but then I am in the wrong place,' because I couldn't have done anything differently." "Of course it would have hurt," she added. "I would have cried for days, but you're focused on doing your job and the applause is just a huge bonus." And quite a bonus it was. The audience, which included German Chancellor Angela Merkel, embraced her, as did the critics. A lesser singer might have taken second billing to the production itself — a radical reinterpretation by director Tobias Kratzer that portrayed the goddess Venus as an anarchist cavorting with a drum-playing dwarf and a black drag queen. But Mark Swed wrote in the Los Angeles Times that the evening's "loudest cheers" were "for the sensational emerging Wagnerian soprano Lise Davidsen." Shirley Apthorp in the Financial Times said she "raises the level of the evening from passable to miraculous with every note she sings." With a career that "goes in high speed," there's little

time to relax and savor her Bayreuth triumph. Coming up in three months is her Metropolitan Opera debut, singing the role of Lisa in Tchaikovsky's "The Queen of Spades." In the spring she'll headline a new production of Beethoven's "Fidelio" alongside tenor Jonas Kaufmann at London's Royal Opera House. And she's invited back to Bayreuth next summer, to repeat Elisabeth and sing Sieglinde in a new production of the "Ring" cycle. At just 32, Davidsen is determined to "hold on to the lyric, lighter sound of my voice as long as possible" and take her time building to the most taxing roles of the Wagnerian repertory. That means no Brunnhildes or Isolde for "at least eight to 10 years" — a pronouncement that is sure to disappoint many of her fans. Meanwhile, she'll continue giving frequent song recitals and take on some Strauss heroines and what she calls "some of those Verdi ladies." For advice on how to pace her career, she relies heavily on her London-based agent Maria Mot. "I told Lise a long time ago that her career was going to be built on things she turns down rather than the ones she accepts," Mot said in an email. □

Star Wars hotel at Disney World like a cruise into space

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — It's going to be a cruise to nowhere, but that will be just fine with die-hard "Star Wars" fans.

Disney officials on Tuesday offered new details on its recently announced Star Wars-themed resort in Florida.

"Star Wars: Galactic Starcruiser" will be like a two-day cruise in that it drops visitors into a completely self-contained world. Except instead of traveling on the high seas, visitors will be made to feel like they've been launched from a parking lot at Walt Disney World in Florida to a spaceship millions of miles above Earth.

Once aboard the "ship," visitors become part of a narrative involving other passengers, crew members and cast members dressed as Chewbacca or stormtroopers. They are given tours of the ship's "bridge" where navigation



A First Order officer, center, and two storm troopers on patrol during a preview of the Star Wars themed land, Galaxy's Edge in Hollywood Studios at Disney World, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Associated Press

and defense systems are explained. At various points during the two days, they may have to put knowledge they've acquired on the cruise to use as part of

the storytelling, said Ann Morrow Johnson, a creative director at Walt Disney Imagineering, during a presentation where video and still photography was

prohibited.

"There are characters on the ship, and many you will be meeting for the first time," Johnson said. "It's a dangerous time in the

galaxy and you should be wary about who you make allegiances with because your choices matter. The choices will affect how your 'Star Wars' story unfolds."

Hotel room windows won't look out to the Florida sun and palm tree, but rather a screen showing the twinkly lights of stars in the vast darkness of space. The bedrooms have king-sized beds and also bunk beds built into the walls.

The opening date hasn't been set yet.

The details on the hotel were given as Walt Disney World prepares to open its \$1 billion, 14-acre (5.6-hectare) Star Wars-themed land at Disney's Hollywood Studios park on Thursday. A near-identical park opened in Disneyland in California earlier this summer.

Visitors staying at the Star Wars hotel will get to visit the new land, "Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge," as their "port of call" during their two-day stay. □

This girl is on fire: Maren Morris leads CMA nominations

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Maren Morris has a chance to win up to eight trophies including album of the year at the 2019 Country Music Association Awards thanks to her work as an artist, songwriter and producer. With the success of her album "GIRL," which Morris co-produced, the Grammy winner scored nominations like single of the year, song of the year and female vocalist of the year. The album's title track, which Morris co-wrote, topped Billboard's country airplay chart this year, the first time a solo female had a No. 1 hit on that chart in well over a year.

The CMAs also announced Wednesday that Dan Smyers of Dan + Shay could win up to six awards work as an artist, co-producer of their self-titled third album and as a co-writer of their crossover hit, "Speechless." Shay Mooney of the Grammy-winning duo earned three



This June 5, 2019 file photo shows Maren Morris at the CMT Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

nominations, including duo of the year.

Carrie Underwood returned to the top category, entertainer of the year, for the first time since 2016, alongside Garth Brooks,

Eric Church, Chris Stapleton and last year's winner, Keith Urban. There were no women nominated in the top category in 2018 and 2017.

The biggest song of 2019,

"Old Town Road" by rapper Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus, will compete for musical event of the year, also earning a nomination for Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails, who is listed as

a co-producer of the No. 1 hit ("Old Town Road" samples Nine Inch Nails' "34 Ghosts IV"). The nomination is Cyrus' first since his own breakout country-dance hit, "Achy Breaky Heart," was nominated in 1992.

Brothers Osborne picked up four nominations, including two for their collaboration with Dierks Bentley on "Burning Man"; one for "All My Favorite People," a duet with Morris; and duo of the year. Brooks & Dunn received their first CMA nominations since 2010: they picked up nominations for duo of the year and musical event of the year for a new version of "Brand New Man" featuring Luke Combs. The veteran duo, who released a collaborative hits album this year, have a record 14 wins for duo of the year.

Also making history this year is Jenee Fleenor, a fiddle player who is the first woman ever to be nominated for musician of the year, a category that began in 1988. □

Even tech execs fret about their kids' smartphone addictions

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Like a lot of parents, Mike Herrick occasionally sees his 13-year-old daughter getting lost in her smartphone and wonders: Is technology messing with children's brains, even as it enlightens and empowers them in ways that weren't possible when his generation grew up?

What sets Herrick apart is his job. He is a product and engineering executive at Urban Airship, a company in Portland, Oregon, that makes online tools that send the kind of relentless notifications that can make people act like bears near a honey pot.

The tensions between the pride Herrick takes in his profession and his parental qualms about technology tug particularly hard when he sees his daughter, Lauren, and her friends texting each other instead of talking — when they're sitting 5 feet apart. Or when he hears a friend jokingly describe him as a "mobile arms dealer."

At times like those, Herrick worries that technology may be having a corrosive effect on society, even though he feels no regrets about his job because he unequivocally believes that Urban Airship's tools are a net benefit to people.

"You can't help but feel the juxtaposition," says Herrick, 44. "The power of this age we live in is that it has given everyone access to all this information and the ability to stay connected to people, but how do we manage it better?"

It's a question besetting other technology executives, too. Many say they're trying to reconcile their fulfillment from working in a financially rewarding industry that they say has made life more efficient, enjoyable and affordable for people with their misgivings as parents about the addictiveness of devices and social media that now define much of daily life.

Technology "can be like opening your refrigerator door when you are hun-



In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, photo Urban Airship product and engineering executive Mike Herrick works at his desk with photos of his daughter, Lauren, and wife Erin at his side in Portland, Ore. Associated Press

gry and just staring into the abyss," says Keith Messick, chief marketing officer for Dialpad, a specialist in phone systems that incorporate voice controls and other artificial intelligence. "That's when I recoil just a little bit."

He is especially troubled when he sees his own 13-year-old son mindlessly thumb at his screen. Messick also worries that the ease of texting and posting on social media is turning kids into poor communicators who write things they'd never say in person or in a

phone conversation — on the rare occasion when they use their devices to make a call.

"This is the world we live in," Messick says. He says he still believes that technology's "positives far outweigh the negatives."

Most parents have similarly mixed feelings about technology, whether or not they work in the industry. About two-thirds of U.S. parents worry that their teenage children spend too much time immersed in a screen, according to a survey released in late August by

the Pew Research Center. Nearly three-fourths of parents said they thought their teenagers were sometimes distracted by their phones during conversations with them.

Yet 86 percent of the parents say they're very or somewhat confident that they have determined an appropriate amount of screen time for their teens. Slightly more than one-third of parents acknowledged spending too much time on their phones themselves, the survey said.

The concerns about chil-

dren's rising dependence on technology extend beyond parents. They sometimes also vex other relatives, like aunts and uncles. One of them is Apple CEO Tim Cook, who revealed in a public appearance this year that he tries to keep his nephew off social networks.

Apple is trying to address some of the problems it helped create with the 2007 introduction of the iPhone by offering more features for parents to monitor and control how much time they and their kids spend on the devices.

The new tools, part of the latest version of an iPhone operating system released last month, can even be deployed to keep kids off distracting apps like Facebook, Snap and Instagram completely — or just at certain times of day. Google included similar controls in its latest version of the Android operating system, which powers most of the world's smartphones.

Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom thinks that is a good idea. He is already vowing to limit his now-10-month-old daughter's eventual exposure to devices and social media as she grows up.

At the same time, Systrom, 34, is hoping his daughter will embrace technology as he did when he began using computers and surfing the internet as a boy. He credits his own early fascination with technology for inspiring him to create Instagram — an app with more than 1 billion users whose success has rewarded him with an estimated personal fortune of \$1.5 billion.

"Obviously, like anything — whether it's food, or drink — moderation is key," Systrom says. "I think we are in a world where we have to develop opinions on what that moderation is and how to do it." Brian Peterson, Dialpad's co-founder and vice president of engineering, loves his job and technology, too — so much so that gave both his daughters iPads around the time they were 2. □



This Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, file photo shows the cameras on the back of the Google Pixel 3 XL, left, and Google Pixel 3 smartphones in New York.

Associated Press